

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: October 6, 1955

FROM : SAC, Indianapolis [REDACTED]

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b7DSUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY ATTEMPTS TO ASCERTAIN
IDENTITIES OF BUREAU INFORMANTS AND
POTENTIAL GOVERNMENT WITNESSES*EX-Continued to As Witnesses*

Re SAC Letter No. 55-57, Section N, 9/7/55.

Security Informants in IP Division have been
contacted and instructed in accordance with SAC Letter.REGISTERED MAIL
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TO: *WJ/Cux*
FROM:

DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: October 7, 1955

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SUBJECT:

COMMUNIST PARTY ATTEMPTS TO
ASCERTAIN IDENTITY OF BUREAU
INFORMANTS AND POTENTIAL
GOVERNMENT WITNESSES*C*
EX - Communist
As witnesses

Re SAC Letter 55-57 dated 9/7/55.

This is to advise that in compliance with referenced
SAC Letter all current CP informants have been contacted and
appropriate instructions given.

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TO : Mr. Nichols

DATE: October 6, 1955

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: "NEWSDAY" DAILY NEWSPAPER
LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK

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SYNOPSIS

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(This synopsis attached memo captioned as above)

In connection with teletype from New York Office concerning critical editorial in October 5 issue of "Newsday" dealing unfavorably with Director's remarks concerning confidential informants in IACP speech, the Director noted, "What is 'Newsday'?" Newsday is evening newspaper, circulation of 210,000, on Long Island. Bufiles reflect friendly relations with Newsday as far back as 1943. Complimentary articles and cartoons published in Newsday and groups of news boys from Newsday have been conducted on Bureau tours. With particular reference to informants, derogatory editorial appeared in Newsday in February, 1955, stating, "The paid informers must go." Editorial mentioned Matusow and stated he had served apprenticeship as FBI informant. Cartoon also appeared showing two persons on sofa over which was sign stating "Paid informers - sit here." One of persons on sofa was asking the other if he had "booked any good Reds lately?", and door in cartoon was labeled "Federal Bureau of Investigation." This editorial and cartoon, together with an immoral satire which reportedly appeared on youth page of Newsday, resulted in Monsignor of Catholic Church requesting immediate boycott of paper and cessation of all advertising in it by members of church. Reportedly, efforts were made to extend this action to other Catholic groups in Nassau County, New York. Bob Green of Newsday, in June, 1955, advised you that Alicia Patterson and Alan Hathway of Newsday were among persons named to a committee to strengthen civilian crime commissions and secure for civilian crime commissions the principle of inviolability of confidential informants.

Newsday is being handled by TREN.

Edward Brophy of Newsday was interviewed in August, 1955, in connection with allegation that he told air force major in Texas he had knowledge of alleged affidavits which claim the Director was a homosexual. This matter was pursued with Brophy who made denials and indicated Warren Woods, attorney, had made such allegations to him in Washington in June, 1953.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information

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TO : Mr. Nichols

DATE: October 11, 1955

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: "NEWSDAY" DAILY NEWSPAPER
LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK

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Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Mr. Harbo _____
Mr. Mohr _____
Mr. Winterrowd _____
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Mr. Holloman _____
Miss Gandy _____

By teletype dated October 6, 1955, the New York Office advised that the October 5 issue of "Newsday" carries a critical editorial captioned "The Confidence Game" concerning the Director's speech before the IACP in Philadelphia. The editorial particularly criticizes that part of the Director's speech pertaining to confidential informants. On this teletype the Director noted, "What is 'Newsday'?"

Newsday is an evening newspaper, circulation over 210,000, on Long Island, New York. Harry F. Guggenheim is President, Alicia Patterson is Publisher and Editor and Alan Hathway is Managing Editor.

Bufiles reflect friendly relations with Newsday as far back as 1943. The paper has published several articles and cartoons complimentary of the Bureau and the Director. Groups of news boys from this newspaper have been conducted on tours of the Bureau.

The March 21, 1953, issue of Newsday carried an item from an anonymous correspondent which stated, "Warning apply?" "Hempsted, New York, Police warned that brutality would not be tolerated, wondered why warning does not apply to the FBI." When contacted concerning this, Hathway identified the writer of the letter for the New York Office.

In May, 1954, Newsday carried an article captioned "FBI Clears Lyons, CAP Exec, of Communist-Tie Charges" which stated the FBI had "cleared" Edwin Lyons for duty with the Civil Air Patrol in Nassau County. It was recommended that personnel at the paper be contacted with reference to the statement of our "clearing" people; however, you noted that you saw "no point to be gained," and Mr. Tolson concurred.

A derogatory editorial stating, "The paid informers must go," appeared in the February, 1955, issue of Newsday. It stated, "Harvey Matusow and his unsavory ilk of paid informers have made it obvious that the system (Government Security System) is a disgrace.... He served an apprenticeship as an FBI informant before deciding to make it a full-time career." A cartoon also appeared showing 2 individuals seated on a sofa over which was a sign stating, "Paid informers wait here." One of the persons on the sofa was asking the other if he had "booked any good Reds lately" and on the door to an inner office were the words "Federal Bureau

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... and cartoon were to ...
 Special Agent William J. Roemer. In July, 1955, ...
 July, Roemer advised Mr. Mason of the editorial. He stated Newsday also
 had printed an immoral satire on its youth page. According to Roemer, the
 satire, together with the unfavorable editorial and cartoon, had resulted in
 Monsignor Bittermann of St. Ignatius Loyola Church, requesting an immediate
 boycott of the paper and cessation of all advertising in it by members of the
 church. Reportedly, efforts were to be made to extend this action against the
 paper to other Catholic groups in Nassau County.

On June 7, 1955, Bob Green of Newsday was referred to you
 from the Director's Office and advised a committee was being organized to
 strengthen civilian crime commissions and secure for civilian crime commissions
 the principle of inviolability of confidential informants. Alicia Patterson and
 Alan Hathway of Newsday were among the persons named by Green as members
 of the committee. Organization of the committee reportedly stemmed from the
 action of the New York District Attorney's office in having a counsel for the
 New York Crime Commission cited for contempt. Green inquired (1) If the
 Director approved of crime commissions. (He was advised Mr. Hoover had
 called attention to the need of citizen cooperation with law enforcement and had
 spoken well of specific crime commissions) and (2) If the Director would endorse
 the inviolability of informants even if local legislation were required. (He was
 told the Director would not comment since to do so would inject him into local
 situations) (62-74575 and 62-102520-8)

MATTER INVOLVING EDWARD BROPHY OF NEWSDAY AND HOMOSEXUAL
 ALLEGATIONS:

You will recall that on August 24, 1955, SAC Murphy of Dallas
 telephonically advised that Major Robert Spence of Carswell Air Force Base,
 told an Agent that sometime last fall Edward Brophy, Newsday reporter, remarked
 he did not think the FBI was so hot since the Director was head of it. Brophy
 indicated he knew or had knowledge of alleged affidavits which claimed the Director
 was a homosexual. Brophy was interviewed ~~XXXXXXX~~ on August 26 and 30, 1955,
 by ASAC W. G. ~~Simon~~ of New York concerning this. He said that while in Washington
 in June, 1954, he contacted Warren Woods (an attorney) as well as other persons.
 Brophy stated that one of the persons (whom he identified on August 30 as Woods)
 had told him the Director was a homosexual. Brophy said he thought the allegation was
 ridiculous, and on his return to New York he mentioned it to Alan Hathway of
 Newsday, who pointed out to him how ridiculous the allegation was. Brophy had
 no recollection of ever repeating the story and claimed he had always had confidence
 in the Director and the Bureau. He admitted that sometime he might have talked,
 but he could not recall repeating the story. Confronted with information that he was
 said to have repeated it in Texas, Brophy swore he could not recall it and said
 if he ever did say it, he now apologizes as he does not condone malicious and
 vicious statements such as this one. During this interview on August 26, 1955,

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October 6, 1955

Brophy gave the appearance of being forthright and cooperative, and he appeared to sincerely give honest answers to the best of his recollection. (62-102520)

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information.

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"CONFIDENTIAL INFORMER" SYSTEM HAS BEEN OF CONCERN TO MANY PEOPLE WHO ARE EVERY BIT AS ANTI DASH COMMUNIST AND INTERESTED IN U. S. SECURITY AS HOOVER HIMSELF IS. JUST BECAUSE THE COMMUNISTS AND FELLOW DASH TRAVELERS HAVE SCREAMED ABOUT IT, DOES NOT MEAN THAT REASONABLE PEOPLE MUST THEREFORE DROP THEIR CONCERN. MANY ACCUSED OF VIOLATING U. S. SECURITY HAVE BEEN CHARGED WITH OFFENSES BASED ONLY ON "CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION." THE ACCUSED VERY OFTEN HAS NO WAY OF KNOWING WHO HIS ACCUSERS ARE OR WHERE THE CHARGE CAME FROM. EVEN WORSE, THE MANTLE OF SECRECY AND ANONYMITY EMBOLDENS IRRESPONSIBLES TO MAKE WILD OR BASELESS CHARGES. THERE HAVE LITERALLY BEEN SCORES OF SECURITY HEARINGS WHERE LOYAL AMERICANS HAVE SPENT MONTHS IN A SHADOWY HORROR DASH CHAMBER SURROUNDED BY ACCUSATIONS FROM NAMELESS AND FACELESS ACCUSERS. WHAT WE OBJECT TO DASH ALONG WITH MANY OTHER AMERICANS DASH IS THAT THE SYSTEM OF "CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS" STARTED OUT AS A NECESSARY, IF DISTASTEFUL, WAY TO GATHER REAL EVIDENCE. BUT IN RECENT YEARS IT HAS MUCH TOO OFTEN FORMED THE BASIS FOR THE CHARGE ITSELF. THUS THE ACCUSED IS DENIED A FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT UNDER U. S. LAW... THE RIGHT TO FACE HIS ACCUSER AND KNOW WHAT HE IS BEING ACCUSED OF. DASH PRESIDENT EISENHOWER, J. EDGAR HOOVER-S

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BOSS, HAS HIMSELF ELOQUENTLY ARGUED FOR THAT UNDENIABLE RIGHT."
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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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"NEWSDAY," MISCELLANEOUS, INFORMATION CONCERNING. "NEWSDAY" FOR OCTOBER FIFTH, FIFTYFIVE, CARRIES THE FOLLOWING EDITORIAL CAPTIONED "THE CONFIDENCE GAME"... "AS HEAD OF THE FBI, J. EDGAR HOOVER HAS ALWAYS INSISTED THAT HIS AGENCY IS A SERVICE RATHER THAN A POLICY DASH MAKING BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT. BUT HOOVER SOMETIMES STRAYS FROM THE STRAIGHT AND NARROW PATH HE IS FOND OF SETTING FOR HIMSELF. WHEN HE DOES STRAY HE IS AS SUBJECT TO CRITICISM AS ANY OTHER MORTAL MAN. TWO DAYS AGO, FBI CHIEF HOOVER STRAYED BADLY. IN A PHILADELPHIA SPEECH, HOOVER DISCUSSED THE "CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS" WHO SUPPLY INFORMATION TO THE FBI WITH THE ASSURANCE THAT THEIR IDENTITY WILL NOT BE REVEALED. HOOVER POINTED OUT THAT THE "CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT HAS BECOME AN INSTITUTION" INDISPENSABLE TO THE FBI AND ITS WORK, ESPECIALLY IN SECURITY CASES. HE WENT ON TO CHARGE THAT THERE IS A CALCULATED PLOT AFFOOT BY "COMMUNISTS, PSEUDO DASH LIBERALS AND FICTITIOUS LIBERALS" TO UNDERMINE SUCH WITNESSES. "THROUGH INSIDIOUSLY SLANTED AND SLY PROPAGANDISTIC WRITINGS AND REPORTS PAREN THEY PAREN CONDUCT A ONE DASH SIDED CAMPAIGN TO DISCREDIT GOVERNMENT WITNESSES," SAID HOOVER. "HOOVER COVERED A LOT OF GROUND IN HIS SCATTERSHOT CHARGE DASH MUCH TOO MUCH GROUND. THE

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TO : Mr. Tolson *LBN*

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: IACP SPEECH

DATE: October 5, 1955

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"The Washington Post and Times Herald," on October 4, 1955, issued the Associated Press story out of Philadelphia and concluded by pointing out that Tompkins did not mention Matusow. The Director raised a question as to whether this was in the Associated Press dispatch. Dave Lawrence got excited about this and sent over the attached Photostat of the Associated Press story.

The Associated Press actually used two stories, one of the Director's speech and one of Tompkins' speech. "The Post" used the Associated Press story of the Director's speech and lifted a couple paragraphs from the story on Tompkins' speech. The Associated Press had the paragraph in its dispatch pertaining to Matusow.

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Hoover Defends Informer Use

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 3 (AP) — FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover charged today Communists and Communist sympathizers are making a "vicious and sustained attack" in an effort to discredit the use of informer witnesses.

Hoover and Assistant Attorney General William F. Tompkins, addressing the International Association of Chiefs of Police, joined in a double-barreled blast at those who criticize the use of such witnesses.

Tompkins declared his agency will not be lulled into inaction by criticism of our program to combat subversion in our country.

Hoover said in his prepared address that the attack on informer witnesses, "is part and parcel of the Communist strategy to convert the court room into a forum to discredit the judicial process."

Asserting that "the use of the confidential informer is as old as man," Hoover said, "there needs to be a greater effort to protect those who risk their lives for the protection of society."

"The inroads that Communist propaganda has made in influencing law-abiding Americans, who fail to realize that criminal conspiracies are conceived behind closed doors under the cover of darkness, are disheartening," the FBI chief said.

"It is through the efforts of

confidential informants that we have been able to expose the Communist conspiracy in the past and through them we must stake much of the future security of the United States.

"Those now furthering the campaign of vituperation against witnesses say the Communist menace is a myth created by those who testify against it. They refuse to recognize the Communist enslavement of one-third of the world's people and one-fourth of the world's surface."

The FBI director said "the crime picture is a national disgrace," noting that since the end of World War II serious crimes in the United States have increased by 62.7 per cent while the population increase was only 21 per cent.

Hoover asserted his belief in parole, probation and pardon for the "worthy" but added: "We need fewer paroles and pardons of professional killers, thugs and sex maniacs, a situation which convinces too many that crime does pay."

In his prepared address, Tompkins said his hearers knew it was standard practice to use informer witnesses in cases involving subversion.

Yet, he said, uninformed

critics attack not only the credibility of particular witnesses but also the propriety of using them at all.

Tompkins, who heads the department's internal security division, did not mention several such witnesses who later repudiated their testimony among them Harvey Matusoff, who had testified both in court trials and before congressional committees.

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HERALD
October 3, 1955
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TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman *LB*DATE: October 3,
1955 *W*FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont *AB*

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The minutes of the meetings of the above Committee on September 6 and 8, 1955, have been received and reviewed.

Meeting of September 6, 1955:

At this meeting Mr. Troy B. Conner submitted a summary of cases in the Federal Employee Security Program in which information was received from Matthew Cvetic, [redacted] or [redacted]. The Committee requested that the Internal Security Division make recommendations as to the actions to be taken in these cases. Mr. Conner advised that the testimony of [redacted] and [redacted] will be required in Internal Security Division cases and requested that the Committee consider their use as witnesses.

Meeting of September 8, 1955:

The representative of the Internal Security Division advised the Committee that the matters referred to them for their consideration by the Committee as set forth in the minutes of the Committee meeting of September 6, 1955, were still under consideration and that their recommendations in these matters would be submitted at the next meeting. The Committee returned to the representative of the Internal Security Division the summaries of derogatory information concerning [redacted] and [redacted] in order that the summaries might be amended to reflect what files had been checked.

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Copies of the above-described minutes have been prepared for Bureau files of Matthew Cvetic, [redacted] and [redacted].

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cc - L. V. Boardman
A. H. Belmont
F. J. Baumgardner
B. F. Rose

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cc: Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Reddy

The Attorney General

October 17, 1955

Director, FBI

~~RELEASING CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS
FOR TESTIMONY IN SECURITY CASES~~

Ex - Communist as Witnesses

I thought you might be interested in the attached chart which reflects the number of current confidential informants of this Bureau already exposed through testimony at various security trials as well as the categories into which additional current informants may be placed in connection with pending and proposed security trials.

The figures represent inquiries and requests submitted by the Internal Security Division of the Department and replied to by the Bureau through October 15, 1955.

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2 cc - Mr. William P. Rogers
Deputy Attorney General
(Enclosure)

2 cc - Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins
(Enclosure)

NOTE: Attachment to memo from Mr. Belmont to Mr. Boardman dated October 17, 1955, same caption. EBR:imd

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MR. L. B. NICHOLS

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UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS' CONFERENCE
OCTOBER 5 - 7, 1955

EX-COMMUNISTS AS WITNESSES

During the administrative session yesterday, Andretta presiding, the administrative program of stressing incentive awards was raised. The Administrative Division pointed out that the Department viewed favorably any incentive award program, but that in order to justify it there had to be an improvement to the service shown or an outstanding performance over a sustained period of time. Many of the United States Attorneys had been writing in saying that the employee had been with the Government for a number of years and, therefore, was entitled to an incentive award. It was pointed out that this was not the type of case which merited such an award.

During the Internal Security conference, which was started by Walt Yeagley in the absence of Tompkins (Tompkins came in within 15 minutes after it started) nothing of an unusual nature occurred. I have read your memorandum and most of it was repetitive.

It would be well to point out that Yeagley spoke of the program which the Department intended to follow indicating it was no different than the program established by the Attorney General prior to the Geneva Conference; that the basic concepts of Communism as enunciated by Marx, Lenin, and Stalin were still in effect. It was also indicated that the Russian attitude toward subversion had not changed and that as far as the United States was concerned, the most effective avenue of subversion was through well-established channels known to the Department. The question of subversion did not have any bearing upon the program of peaceful co-existence. It was further indicated that if there was any let-up in the program of the Russians, it was a temporary delaying tactic.

Tompkins, as well as Yeagley, pointed out that the United States Attorneys were to get the gospel over during luncheon talks. He stated that sufficient material had been given to the various United States Attorneys and they were going to send out some more speech material which would again give them the documentary material which they need to get the Department's attitude over to the public.

It appears that there is going to be a concerted drive in the form of speeches by United States Attorneys in their territories to be implemented by any speakers that they might desire to have come from Washington. He stressed getting to Rotary Clubs and the like. He said that the reaction to speeches has been terrific.

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To attempt to protect our informants from injudicious exposure as result of possible careless handling in the Department of our memoranda furnishing to the Attorney General complete background, value, and derogatory information on informants, we will (1) classify such memoranda "Secret," and (2) while still furnishing all essential data, will avoid as much as possible in these memoranda the use of "specifics" such as name of employer, dates of arrests, and name of arresting agency, et cetera.

We will continue to impress on the Department the absolute need for Departmental attorneys who interview our informants to retain their identities in complete confidence until such time as the informants selected as witnesses are actually exposed.

ACTION:

This memorandum is ~~being~~ prepared for your information.

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I want it clearly
understood that
where F B I considers
an informant absolutely
indispensable
we should pay up a
right to disclosing
his identity. *SM*

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman

DATE: October 10, 1955

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: RELEASING CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL
INFORMANTS FOR TESTIMONY IN
SECURITY CASES

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SYNOPSIS:

Current policy being followed with reference to requests from Department concerning current informants as potential witnesses in Smith Act and other security trials and hearings is to furnish to Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General Rogers, and Assistant Attorney General Tompkins, complete background, value, and any derogatory information concerning each such informant. Interviews are arranged at Department's request and Department is advised that final decision as to use of a current informant as a witness must be made by Department.

During the past few weeks, Department has flooded Bureau with large number of inquiries as to availability of current informants and requests to interview these informants in connection with Subversive Activities Control Board (SACB) hearings and Communist infiltration cases. Twelve current informants are presently under consideration as witnesses in possible forthcoming Smith Act trials in San Francisco and Chicago. Question arises as to whether results achieved in presenting cases before SACB are worth exposure of current valuable informants. Smith Act prosecutions have a real purpose and value in that they disrupt the Communist Party as to organization and finances and result in prison sentences and fines. Value of SACB hearings is open to serious question; however, if it is necessary to use valuable current informants.

OBSERVATIONS:

We intend, unless otherwise instructed, to continue under our present policy of making informants available for interview as potential witnesses but at such time as Department completes preparation of a case before SACB, we will submit complete picture to the Director regarding any current informants involved, with a view toward possibly taking up the matter directly with the Attorney General.

cc: Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Baumgardner
Mr. Thornton
Mr. Bibler
Mr. Egan

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and the public eat up the subject of Communism.

Tompkins noted that a new tactic has arisen and that is that the Communists are now going to claim that they are not going to be able to get a fair trial by jury. Inasmuch as they could not get such, they are going to follow the tactic of waiving a trial by jury. This is in furtherance of the attempt to discredit the entire system of jurisprudence in the country.

Tompkins then took off on the Fund for the Republic and referred to an article by Hovore which was most unfair. He indicated that despite the fact that the courts had considered that the Communist Party was a criminal conspiracy that Hovore did not view it as such. He said that the Fund for the Republic study is not just another review inasmuch as it does carry some weight. Considerable damage is being done as a result of the dissemination of the article.

He indicated that a further difficulty is the fact that men of the type of Hutchens do carry considerable weight in their utterances and when they get the word around and leave the impression that the Communist Party is not as dangerous as it professes to be and in other ways minimizes the real danger, this is most effective subversion.

He then indicated that the best means of getting the message to the public is to use source material, citations which have been accepted as actually denoting what the Communist Party is, an even to the extent of quoting. He pointed out that the best way to dispel this poison pen propaganda and to discredit these persons such as Hutchens who have a certain amount of public acceptance is to get before the public in a dispassionate way the true facts.

He then referred in glowing terms to the Director's recent speech before the IACP convention and said it was one of the greatest speeches he had ever heard. He said there was more meat in the Director's comments than in any single statement which he had seen and he referred particularly to one sentence, reading it verbatim. It is as follows:

"It is through the 'pseudo liberals' that the Communists do some of their most destructive work. These fictitious liberals are the individuals who through insidiously slanted and sly

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propagandistic writings and reports oppose urgently needed internal security measures; conduct a one-sided campaign to discredit Government witnesses; present the menace of Communism as a myth of hysteria; urge that we tolerate the subversive acts of Communists because Communists are only 'nonconformists'; contend that the Communists Party is a 'political' movement and that it is improper to consider it a criminal conspiracy linked to a world conspiracy to overthrow our Government by force and violence."

He also indicated that it had been a failure on the part of the press to accept the difference between faceless informers such as you have in loyalty cases and named informants in cases brought to trial. Whether this was a deliberate attempt to confuse the issue or not could not be certain, but certainly a faceless informant in a loyalty case does not occupy the same position as an informant in a criminal matter where the informant appears in court and testifies against the defendant. There never has been any criticism of informants used in narcotics cases. As a matter of fact, the informants in narcotics cases are generally of a low type and every time a narcotics violator is put away there is always a pat on the back for the Department and the United States Attorney. In spite of this, as soon as an informant in a criminal case is used by the Government, an attempt is immediately made to discredit him even though he does testify and even though he does give information which can be established through the testimony of other witnesses.

October 10, 1955

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Mr. Morris L. Ernst
Greenbaum, Wolff and Ernst
285 Madison Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Morris:

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In line with our conversation Thursday evening I am enclosing a copy of the Director's address before the International Association of Chiefs of Police, and I would like for you to read very carefully the last paragraph on page 4 and the first paragraph on page 5 and I think you will see the Director made the point just about as thoroughly as it is humanly possible for a person in the space allotted.

His own feeling on the need to protect innocence and the need to give truthful testimony, I think, in and of itself seems to be a pretty effective answer to some of the editorial comment which has bemoaned the fact that the Director did not denounce Matusow in the same speech. Frankly, I think it would have been an insult to the intelligence of the IACP to have engaged in a discussion on the reprehensibility of an informant who testifies falsely. This has been a problem which law enforcement has dealt with over the years and any law enforcement agency worth its salt checks and double checks on its informants constantly. The mere fact that we have a Matusow now and then should not becloud the issue although a very studied attempt has been made to do so. The blunt truth is, for your strictly personal and confidential information, our informants have been under tremendous pressure for a long time and we see them react every time there is extended publicity denouncing informants. After all, many informants are leading double lives. They are doing it for the good of humanity and being humans they cannot help but wonder if it is worth the gaff.

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66 OCT 11 1955 Mr. Ernst to Mr. Tolson, 10-2-55

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Mr. Morris L. Ernst

October 10, 1955

The situation has gotten to the point where it was necessary for the Director to publicly defend the honest informant seeking to do a job. There is not a single one of our informants who have not had pressure brought to bear on them by the Bureau over the years through cross checks. Even though the Director had set forth his feelings on the Matusow incident, I doubt that this would have in the slightest forestalled some of the criticism which has developed.

We have been very much surprised at the tremendous reaction from little people all over the country in writing in since the speech was made.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

L. B. Nichols

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson *Wfer*

DATE: October 8, 1955

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT:

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Morris Ernst tried to get ahold of me on Wednesday and Thursday while I was in the U. S. Attorneys' Conference. I called him at home late Thursday night. He wanted to tell me about some information on the Fund for the Republic which is reported in a separate memorandum.

In the course of the conversation he stated that he did not like the trend of some of the news comments on the Director's address and that while he had not seen the complete text of the address he thought that had some reference been made reflecting indignation against those furnishing false testimony that this would completely have blocked some of the editorial comments.

I told Morris that it had to be read in the first place; that this was a professional talk directly to Chiefs of Police; that the matter of the difficulties encountered on reluctance of witnesses to testify and the matter of informants was developed after the Director had talked about high principles in law enforcement and after the Director had made the point that every time a police officer's testimony is disproven or questioned that all law enforcement takes a black eye; that any reasonable minded person reading the speech would, of course, realize quite clearly that the Director was quite indignant over inaccuracies in testimony and that this applied whether it came from police officers, confidential informants or reformed Communists. I further told Morris that there were certain other factors that entered into this and that for his information the protection which we had up to now had been seriously threatened by the concentrated attack and that unless something was done to reverse the field, then our security would suffer immeasurably and this was exactly what some people were trying to bring about.

Morris is a great deal exercised over the letdown following the Geneva Conference and he pointed out that it is his feeling that Communism is a greater threat today than ever before. I told Morris that he ought to get out on the stump and shout this to the house tops. I further told Morris that I would send him the full text of the Director's remarks, which I am doing with the attached letter. 11 10 53 AM '55

cc - Mr. Boardman E B I
cc - Mr. Belmont RECEIVED-DIRECTOR
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : L. V. Boardman *slam*DATE: October 13,
1955 *abm*FROM : A. H. Belmont *AB*SUBJECT: DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON
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The minutes of the above committee dated October 4, 1955, have been received and reviewed.

At this meeting the advisability of utilizing [redacted] as a witness was considered, and it was determined that his services can be utilized but his testimony should be limited to information furnished by him to the FBI and that the United States Attorney bring out on direct examination matters concerning [redacted].

ACTION:

A copy of the above described minutes have been prepared for Bureau file of [redacted].

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cc Mr. Boardman
cc Mr. Belmont
cc Mr. Baumgardner
cc Mr. Rose

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TO : L. V. Boardman *LB*DATE: October 13, 1955 *slon*FROM : A. H. Belmont *AB*SUBJECT: DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON
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The minutes of the above committee dated September 27, 1955, have been received and reviewed.

At this meeting it was recommended and approved that no action be taken in specified cases in which Matthew Cvetic, [redacted] Harvey Matusow and [redacted] furnished information.

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The Criminal Division proposed taking deposition of Maurice Malkin and Benjamin Gitlow in the case of Saul Horwatt, a denaturalization suit pending in the District Court of Alexandria, Virginia.

ACTION:

Copies of the above described minutes have been prepared for Bufiles of Matthew Cvetic, [redacted] Harvey Matusow, [redacted] Maurice Malkin and Benjamin Gitlow.

cc Mr. Boardman
cc Mr. Belmont
cc Mr. Rose
cc Mr. Baumgardner

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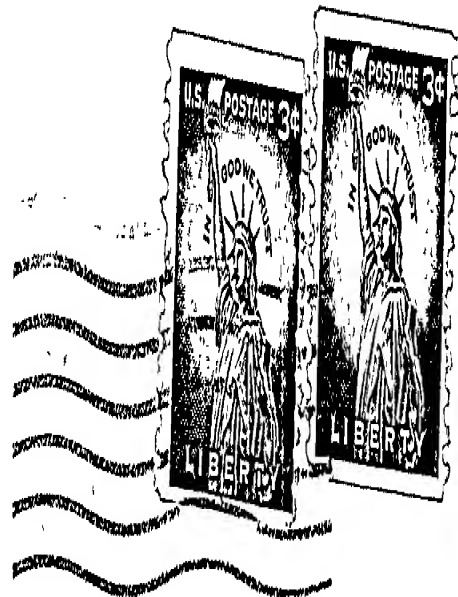
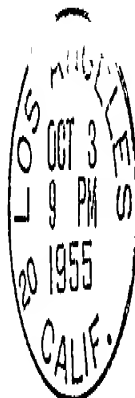
Regards From...

Ye Olde Caryl Clipping Service

Suite 706, 639 So. Spring, Los Angeles 14, Calif.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover - *Director*
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EXCOMMUNISTS AS WITNESSES

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

October 5, 1955

The attached clipping was sent to
the Director by the Ye Olde
Caryl Clipping Service, Suite 706,
639 So. Spring, Los Angeles 14,
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Mr. Tolson ✓
Mr. Boardman ✓
Mr. Nichols ✓
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FBI DIRECTOR RAPS FOES OF INFORMERS

Hoover Says Their Attacks Are Part of Red Strategy to Discredit U.S. Judicial Process

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 3 (AP)—FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover charged today Communists and their sympathizers are making a "vicious and sustained attack" in an effort to discredit the use of informer witnesses.

Hoover and Asst. Atty. Gen. William F. Tompkins, addressing the International Association of Chiefs of Police, joined in a double-barreled blast at those who criticize use of such witnesses.

Tompkins declared his agency will not be "lulled into inaction by criticism of our program to combat subversion in this country."

'As Old as Man'

Hoover said in his prepared address that the attack on informer witnesses "is part and parcel of the Communist strategy to convert the courtroom into a forum to discredit the judicial process."

Asserting that "the use of the confidential informant is as old as man," Hoover said, "There needs to be a greater effort to protect those who risk their lives for the protection of society."

"The inroads that Communist propaganda has made in influencing law-abiding Americans, who fail to realize that conspiracies are conceived behind closed doors under the cover of darkness, are disheartening," the FBI chief said.

Hits 'Pseudo Liberals'

"It is through the efforts of confidential informants that we have been able to expose the Communist conspiracy in the past and through them we must stake much of the future security of the United States."

Hoover said "it is through the 'pseudo liberals' that the Communists do some of their most destructive work."

"These fictitious liberals are the individuals who through insidiously slanted and sly propagandistic writings and reports oppose urgently needed internal security measures; conduct a one-sided campaign to discredit government witnesses; present the menace of Communism as a myth of hysteria; urge that we tolerate the subversive acts of Communists because Communists are only 'nonconformists'; contend that the Communist Party is a 'political' movement and that it is improper to consider it a criminal conspiracy linked to a world conspiracy to overthrow our government by force and violence."

'National Disgrace'

The FBI director said "the crime picture is a national disgrace," noting that since the end of World War II serious

crimes in the U.S. have increased by 62.7% while the population increase was only 21%.

Hoover asserted his belief in parole, probation and pardon for the "worthy" but added:

"We need fewer paroles and pardons of professional killers, thugs and sex maniacs, a situation which convinces too many that 'crime does pay.' We need stronger support for the police in some of our courts."

In his prepared address, Tompkins said his hearers knew it was standard practice to use informer witnesses in cases involving subversion. He described the Communist movement in this country as a "criminal menace."

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LOS ANGELES TIMES
Los Angeles, California
October 4, 1955

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Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tamm

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Director, FBI

UNITED STATES v. BRANDT, ET AL
Cleveland, Ohio
FBI File 100-3-74-11

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ON 10-14-99

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Reference is made to your memorandum dated October 18, 1955, advising that the Department is considering the advisability of making 21 written reports of former Confidential Informant [redacted] available to him in connection with his pretrial interviews as a potential witness in the captioned case.

Pursuant to your request, you are being furnished herewith one Photostat each of the 21 written reports of [redacted] listed in your referenced memorandum.

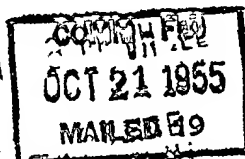
I desire to call to your attention my memorandum to the Attorney General dated April 15, 1955, captioned "Ex-Communists as Witnesses," two copies of which were designated for you, and to my memorandum to you dated May 2, 1955, captioned "Confidential Reports Made to the Bureau by Confidential Informants." In these memoranda you were advised that the Bureau will leave to the discretion of the Department the desirability of allowing informant-witnesses to review their written reports before they take the witness stand. You were further advised that the Bureau would prefer not to be consulted prior to the showing of their reports to informant-witnesses since the final decision to adopt such a procedure is one which must be made by the Department.

The attached Photostats of [redacted] reports should be returned to the Bureau after they have served their purpose.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman

DATE: October 21, 1955

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

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SUBJECT:

~~COMMUNIST PARTY ATTEMPTS TO ASCERTAIN
IDENTITIES OF BUREAU INFORMANTS AND
POTENTIAL GOVERNMENT WITNESSES~~

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SYNOPSIS:

SAC Letter 55-57 dated 9-7-55, Section N, issued instructions to all offices to advise current confidential informants of a technique being used by the Communist Party (CP) consisting of the contacting of various CP members for purpose of obtaining signed statements to effect that individual signing statement had attended CP meetings and schools with defendants in Smith Act trials and had never heard defendants teach or advocate overthrow of Government by force.

Pursuant to instructions from the Department, field offices were instructed to tell current informants already made available to testify at Smith Act trials that they should not sign such statements even though refusal to do so resulted in exposure as informants or expulsion from the CP. All offices further advised to instruct all other current informants to sign such a statement if approached and if refusal to do so would result in exposure as informants or expulsion from the CP. These informants should immediately thereafter submit a detailed written report concerning the circumstances surrounding their approach to sign the statement and their reasons for so doing.

San Francisco recently advised that at a CP club meeting in that city, each member was advised that prior to January, 1956, he would have to sign a statement to effect that he would not testify against other club members.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Since this latter tactic may also become widespread, thereby involving current Bureau informants, a proposed SAC Letter is attached advising all offices of this possible new tactic and issuing the necessary instructions to be passed on to all current informants.

Enclosures

cc: Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Baumgardner
Mr. Reddy

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Memorandum for Mr. Boardman

2. A memorandum to Assistant Attorney General Tompkins is also attached for approval advising Department of the above tactic and of instructions being issued to current Bureau informants.

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Date: 10/12/55

Transmit the following message via A I R - T E L*mb*
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From SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-25687)

To: DIRECTOR, FBI

CP, USA, SECURITY MEASURES, IS-C. DAYLET.

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[redacted] advised SA RICHARD J. MC MULLEN on 10/10/55 that at a CP Industrial Club meeting on 10/6/55 all members were advised that a statement will be taken from each member, in which the member must state that he will not testify against other members of the Club. This statement must be executed before the end of 1955.

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Mr. Belmont

cc: Mr. [redacted]

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Approved: *[Signature]* Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

OEX-COMMUNISTS AS WITNESSES

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memo for Boardman
with let to AAG Tompkins
and let to all SACs.
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cc: Mr. Belmont
Mr. Reddy

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Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins

October 26, 1955

Director, FBI

COMMUNIST PARTY ATTEMPTS TO ASCERTAIN
IDENTITIES OF BUREAU INFORMANTS AND
POTENTIAL GOVERNMENT WITNESSES

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ON 10-14-99 401820

Reference is made to your memorandum dated March 28, 1955, captioned "United States v. Bary, Et Al, (Denver Smith Act Prosecution)," concerning the proper action to be taken by certain confidential informants of our Denver Office who were scheduled to testify at the Denver Smith Act trial and who had been requested by one of the defendants in this trial to sign a statement to the effect that these informants had never heard any of the Denver Smith Act defendants advocate overthrow of the Government by force and violence.

You indicated in your memorandum of March 28, 1955, that these informants should be instructed not to sign any statement which was not entirely true even though refusal to sign such a statement resulted in their exposure as Bureau informants and/or their expulsion from the Communist Party.

Subsequently, all current Bureau informants, particularly in those districts where Smith Act trials are pending, were warned of the possibility of being approached and requested to sign such a statement. As you have been recently advised, two current informants who are scheduled to testify during the current New Haven Smith Act trial have already been so approached.

One of our western offices has now advised that at a Communist Party club meeting in October, 1955, all members were advised that a statement will be taken from each member in which the member must state that he will not testify against other members of the club. According to the informant who furnished this information, this statement must be executed before the end of 1955.

NOTE: Attachment to memo from Mr. Belmont to Mr. Boardman, dated 10/21/55, same caption.
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Memorandum for Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins

Instructions are being issued to our field offices to advise current confidential informants who are scheduled to testify at pending Smith Act or other security trials of this new tactic by the Communist Party. These informants will further be advised that they should not sign such a statement if it is not true, even though refusal to do so may result in their exposure as informants or in their expulsion from the Communist Party.

Our field offices are being further instructed to advise all other confidential informants to sign such a statement if such action is necessary to protect their status as informants, and to immediately thereafter submit a detailed written report setting out the date, place, and time of the contact; the identities of the individuals who contacted him; the contents of the statement; and the informant's reasons for signing it.

You will be immediately advised should any informant who has been made available to testify be approached to sign such a statement.

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cc: Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Reddy
November 2, 1955

The Attorney General

Director, FBI

RELEASING CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS
FOR TESTIMONY IN SECURITY CASES

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ON 10-14-99

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Reference is made to my memorandum dated October 17, 1955, attaching a chart which reflected the number of current confidential informants already exposed through testimony at various security trials and hearings as well as the categories into which additional current informants may be placed in connection with pending and proposed security trials and hearings.

There is attached hereto a chart which reflects similar information representing inquiries and requests submitted by the Internal Security Division of the Department and replied to by the Bureau through November 1, 1955.

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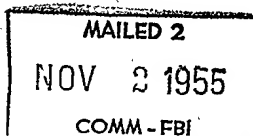
2 cc - Mr. William P. Rogers
Deputy Attorney General
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2 cc - Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins
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NOTE: Attachment to memo from Mr. Belmont to Mr. Boardman dated 11/2/55, same caption, EBR:imd.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman

DATE: October 17, 1955

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

cc: Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Baumgardner
Mr. Branigan
Mr. Donohue
Mr. ReddyTolson
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GandySUBJECT: RELEASING CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS
FOR TESTIMONY IN SECURITY CASES

Exp - Communists as Witnesses

Pursuant to the Director's instructions, a running memorandum has been initiated concerning the use of current confidential informants as witnesses in security prosecutions. This memorandum reflects the following data:

1. Current confidential informants already exposed as witnesses.
2. Current confidential informants interviewed by Departmental attorneys and Department has advised they will be used as witnesses in pending trials.
3. Current confidential informants who have been made available for interview by Departmental attorneys but Department has not advised whether they will be definitely used as witnesses.
4. Current confidential informants who have been made available for interview by Departmental attorneys.
5. Current confidential informants whose background and value have been furnished to Department for decision as to interview and possible use as witnesses.
6. Current confidential informants whose availability for possible use as witnesses has been inquired into by the Department in pending prosecutions and prosecutions currently under consideration.

Under each of the above categories, the number of informants will be broken down as to the various types of cases involved such as Smith Act trials, Subversive Activities Control Board hearings, Labor Management Relations Act cases, et cetera.

Attached hereto is a chart reflecting the status of this matter as of October 15, 1955.

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Memorandum for Mr. Boardman

ACTION:

This memorandum will be kept up-to-date by the preparation of a current statistical chart reflecting the status as of the fifteenth of each month. Pursuant to the Director's notation on the September 15, 1955, memorandum, a copy of the chart for October 15, 1955, is being transmitted to the Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General Rogers, and Assistant Attorney General Tompkins.

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See that we send a
chart to A. G.; Rogers
& Tompkins on first
of each month.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN *lt*

DATE: November 1, 1955

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT *AMBS*SUBJECT: DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON
SECURITY WITNESSES
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The minutes of the above committee dated October 13, 1955, have been received and reviewed.

The committee cleared [] as a witness with the proviso that derogatory information re [] (growing out of the testimony of [] and [] in the Detroit Smith Act trial) be made a matter of record by the trial attorneys or examining officers on direct examination.

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ACTION:

A copy of the above-described minutes has been prepared for Bufile of [] (100-160330). *lt*

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cc: Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Rose

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman

DATE: October 31, 1955

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: RELEASING CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS
FOR TESTIMONY IN SECURITY CASES

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DETAILS:

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In connection with the attached memorandum dated October 28, 1955, the Director asked the following questions:

1. It was pointed out that relative to Subversive Activities Control Board (SACB) hearings on Communist front organizations, the Department has deluged the Bureau with inquiries as to the availability of current informants. The Director asked "Just how many requests have been received?"

As of October 28, 1955, the Department has inquired as to the availability of 129 current informants relative to SACB hearings on Communist front organizations. This figure has increased from 46 since July 15, 1955. These are general inquiries as to the availability of current informants which are answered by telling the Department that the individuals involved are current informants and if their testimony is considered essential to a successful prosecution, the Bureau should be so advised. As reflected in the chart in the attached memorandum, two current informants have been interviewed and are scheduled to be used as witnesses; two additional current informants have been made available for interview; and the background and value of six additional current informants have been furnished to the Attorney General for a decision as to whether they should be interviewed and used as witnesses.

2. Attached memorandum stated that serious doubt exists that results in either type SACB hearing will justify exposure of current informants. The Director asked "What are the types?"

The two types of SACB hearings are (a) hearings before the board re Communist-dominated unions under the provisions of the Communist Control Act of 1954, and (b) hearings before the board re Communist front organizations under the provisions of the Internal Security Act of 1950.

3. With regard to the statement that new overt acts provable

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by fewer or less valuable informants may result from current Communist Party activities, the Director asked "Just what do you mean?"

Many Smith Act subjects were, until recently, active in the underground in various sections of the country and only top-level informants who know of their underground activities can testify to overt acts during the statutory period. With the resumption of open activities by these subjects, new overt acts may be committed which can be proved by the same witnesses who will testify to activities of the subjects prior to their going underground. It is also possible that a future activity, such as a Communist Party meeting, may provide an overt act as to several subjects provable by the testimony of one informant.

ACTION:

This memorandum has been prepared to answer the Director's inquiries.

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TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman

DATE: October 28, 1955

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

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Recently Departmental requests to interview and use current informants as witnesses in Smith Act and other security trials and hearings have substantially increased. Undesirable situations developing such as - (1) In contemplated San Francisco Smith Act trial, Department attorney inferred six current informants will be necessary witnesses and additional informants may be necessary during trial. This is dangerous deviation from procedure in previous Smith Act trials. (2) Same situation could develop in contemplated Chicago trial. (3) In Subversive Activities Control Board (SACB) hearings re Communist-dominated unions, 13 current informants being interviewed as potential witnesses. In SACB hearings re Communist front organizations, Department has deluged Bureau with inquiries as to availability of current informants but has not as yet requested to use them as witnesses. Serious doubt exists that results in either type SACB hearing will justify exposure of current informants. (4) Disclosure of identities of large number of informants to interviewing Department attorneys constitutes threat to their security. (5) Interviews create serious psychological effect on informants. Following factors appear to militate against immediate additional prosecutions and hearings - (1) New overt acts provable by fewer and less valuable informants may result from current Communist Party activities. (2) Supreme Court review of Los Angeles Smith Act case and case against the Communist Party under the Internal Security Act (ISA) of 1950 could result in revised concept of prosecutions and hearings. (3) Current reorganization of Communist Party may in near future change picture as to effect of future prosecutions on over-all Party. (4) Prosecutions now may force Party leaders underground and cause Party to abandon registration and recruiting programs which should provide fertile source for new informants and additional intelligence coverage.

ACTION:

This memorandum has been prepared pursuant to Director's request. Chart reflecting informants already exposed and number of current informants being considered as witnesses as of October 28, 1955, is attached.

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Mr. Belmont
Mr. Baumgardner
Mr. Donohue
Mr. Reddy
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Just how many requests have been received?

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DETAILS:

Recently the Department has substantially increased inquiries as to the status of current confidential informants with a view toward possibly interviewing them and using them as witnesses in Smith Act trials and other security trials and Subversive Activities Control Board (SACB) hearings. Pursuant to these inquiries, a large number of informants have been made available for interview and possible use as witnesses. Information concerning background and value of additional informants has been furnished to Attorney General for a decision as to whether they will be interviewed and used as witnesses. This situation constitutes a serious threat to our future internal security coverage and has developed several very undesirable situations, examples of which are set out below:

1. San Francisco Smith Act Case

In connection with contemplated San Francisco Smith Act trial, Department attorneys have interviewed eight current informants and have stated Department is seriously considering asking that six be made available as witnesses. Attorneys also expressed concern regarding dearth of provable overt acts by former underground leaders and inferred it might be necessary during trial to request additional current informants to testify to prevent severance of some subjects. This situation places Bureau in extremely untenable position. In all previous Smith Act trials, evidence has been established before trial and we knew where we stood on informant-witnesses. Under procedure being followed by Department in San Francisco, we cannot tell where requests for additional current informants will stop and it is illogical to go to trial on this basis. If Department decides during trial that additional informants must be exposed to make the case, we will be forced into a position where we may have to release informants regardless of their value.

2. Chicago Smith Act Case

In connection with contemplated Chicago Smith Act conspiracy trial involving 15 potential defendants, Department has inquired as to availability of 13 current informants as potential witnesses before grand jury and at subsequent trial. One of these informants is CG-5824-S, one of Bureau's most valuable informants. Department has been advised that CG-5824-S is not available to testify and complete background data and value of remaining 12 informants has been furnished to Department

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for decision as to whether any or all of these informants should be interviewed as potential witnesses. To date no request has been received from Department for authority to interview any of these informants.

Although situation in Chicago has not developed to the point already reached in the San Francisco case, the situation is similar in that the most important potential defendants are former key underground leaders who have recently emerged from the underground and the potential definitely exists that we will be faced with the same problems in Chicago that we are currently facing in San Francisco.

3. Subversive Activities Control Board Hearings

Recently the Department has flooded Bureau with inquiries concerning availability of, and requests for interviews with, current informants in connection with SACB hearings on Communist-dominated labor unions and inquiries concerning the availability of current informants in connection with hearings on Communist front organizations. The attached chart reflects extent of these inquiries and requests.

(a) Communist-dominated Labor Unions

In these cases, the Department files a petition against the union before the SACB under the provisions of the Communist Control Act of 1954. Following a hearing, if the board finds union is Communist-dominated, an order will be issued depriving it of representation before National Labor Relations Board and in effect making it impossible for union to continue as bargaining agent for any employee group. Final outcome is subject to lengthy delay by appeals through the courts.

Current Communist Party policy is to bring about the merger of left-wing unions such as the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America (UERMWA) with the American Federation of Labor (AFL) or the Congress of Industrial Organizations (CIO) unions so that the Party will have its strength in the main labor movement, which will be the combined AFL-CIO after their proposed merger in December. Left-wing unions have lost and are continuing to lose numerical strength rapidly. There appears to be a strong possibility that dissolution of UERMWA and similar unions will take place in not too distant future without any action under Communist Control Act of 1954.

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In connection with UERMWA hearing, Department stated 13 current informants furnished information of essential nature and requested permission to interview them. These informants made available for interview and interviews are being conducted at present time. It should be noted that the requests for interviews with these current informants were made prior to receipt by Department of our memoranda setting forth background, value, potential value, factors affecting credibility, and effect disclosure would have on security coverage. In addition, a Department attorney on the road conducting interviews requested authority ^{on 10-27} of our Buffalo Office to interview two more current informants. Attorney was told to submit request through Department.

(b) Communist Front Groups

Hearings before SACB are under provisions of Internal Security Act (ISA) of 1950, the constitutionality of which is currently being reviewed by Supreme Court. If adverse ruling handed down, current informants previously exposed at hearings will be wasted. If held constitutional, Communist front organizations will be compelled to comply with provisions of ISA of 1950 after lengthy appeals from SACB order, or else suffer penalties provided under Act.

The possibility exists that if a front organization is ordered to comply with provisions of ISA, the Party may dissolve the organization and form a new front to perform the same functions and entitled to the same legal hearings and appeals. It is doubtful, therefore, that the results achieved by these hearings constitute a sufficiently serious threat to the Communist Party to justify exposure of current informants and the resulting impairment of security coverage.

4. Department Interviews are Threat to Informants' Security

When Department determines current informants are essential witnesses, they are interviewed by Department attorneys under true names. This procedure adopted following publicized charge by Department Attorney David Harris that we withheld identities of informants and engaged in cloak and dagger methods which made trial preparations extremely difficult. Complete

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background information is also furnished to Department together with information affecting informant's credibility.

Many interviews are conducted with informants who are not subsequently exposed as witnesses. Department is impressed with absolute necessity for protecting security of informants. While it is not believed that any attorney would deliberately violate security requirements or divulge an informant's identity, the fact remains that some of these attorneys will leave the Department for other positions and the mere fact that the identity of one or more informants is known to anyone outside the Bureau constitutes a potential threat to their future complete security. This is a departure from established procedure where even in internal Bureau operations, stringent security precautions are exercised and informants are identified to Bureau personnel only on a need-to-know basis. Although it is realized that some interviews of current informants must be conducted by Department attorneys, they should be held to an absolute minimum.

5. Psychological Effect on Informants

Confrontation of informants with fact that someone other than Bureau Agents has knowledge of their activities and status, plus realization that they may be called on to testify, has psychological impact on them which may have permanent effect on their future productivity and efficiency. Most high-level informants have been furnishing information to Bureau for many years and have adjusted their lives accordingly. Sudden prospect of possible appearance as witness, with resulting publicity, creates uncertainty, doubt, and worry, and creates the prospect of necessity for complete change of job, friends, residence, and living standards.

FACTORS MILITATING AGAINST IMMEDIATE
ADDITIONAL PROSECUTIONS

1. Many Smith Act subjects, including some subjects being considered for prosecution in California and Chicago, were in underground status until recently and only top-level informants can testify to their overt acts during statutory period. These subjects are now engaging in open Communist Party activities.

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If prosecution is deferred for several months, these activities may strengthen the over-all case and provide additional overt acts provable by fewer and less valuable current informants and sources.

2. Supreme Court decision to review Los Angeles Smith Act case and SACB order concerning the Communist Party under the ISA of 1950, could conceivably result in completely revised concept of prosecutions under Smith Act and hearing procedures in security-type cases. If Supreme Court upsets Smith Act conviction or rules ISA of 1950 unconstitutional, much needless time, effort, and expense will have been involved in preparing cases for trial or hearing, and active informants will have been needlessly exposed.

3. Communist Party currently undergoing reorganization and realignment of personnel as result of emergence of functionaries from underground. Subjects formerly active in one area being transferred to new positions in different area; personnel being given Communist Party positions of importance not previously held by them; some former local functionaries now assuming positions of national importance, all of which changes picture regarding relative importance of functionaries on local and national levels. Within the next few months, over-all situations may be clarified and more complete knowledge will be available as to where telling blows can be struck by prosecutions.

4. Communist Party has indicated reactivation of underground apparatus will be considered if Supreme Court upholds ISA of 1950 or if additional prosecutions are initiated. New wave of prosecutions at this time could result in reactivation of underground and disappearance of important subjects. Current Communist Party program of registration of members and attempts to reregister former members provides excellent opportunity for Bureau to obtain valuable intelligence coverage. This program would undoubtedly be curtailed or abandoned if Party driven underground. Discontinuance of program to reactivate former members and sympathizers and recruiting of new members would also decrease Bureau's chances of obtaining additional confidential informants from among these sources.

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<u>1.</u>	<u>CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS EXPOSED AS WITNESSES:</u>		39
	(a) Smith Act Trials	33	
	(b) Subversive Activities Control Board (SACB) Hearings Re Front Organizations	3	
	(c) Labor Management Relations Act Cases	2	
	(d) Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico Trials	1	
<u>2.</u>	<u>CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS AND DEPARTMENT HAS ADVISED THEY WILL BE USED AS WITNESSES AT SCHEDULED TRIALS AND HEARINGS:</u>		12
	(a) Smith Act Trials	10	
	(b) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations	2	
<u>3.</u>	<u>CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS BUT DEPARTMENT HAS NOT ADVISED THAT THEY WILL BE DEFINITELY USED AS WITNESSES:</u>		9
	(a) Smith Act Trials	9	
<u>4.</u>	<u>CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS WHO HAVE BEEN MADE AVAIL- ABLE FOR INTERVIEW BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS:</u>		17
	(a) Smith Act Trials	1	
	(b) Labor Management Relations Act Cases	1	
	(c) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations	2	
	(d) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions	13	
<u>5.</u>	<u>CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS WHOSE BACKGROUND AND VALUE HAVE BEEN FURNISHED TO DEPARTMENT FOR DECISION AS TO INTER- VIEW AND POSSIBLE USE AS WITNESSES:</u>		22
	(a) Smith Act Trials	13	
	(b) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations	6	
	(c) Administrative Hearings Re Independent Socialist League	2	
	(d) Labor Management Relations Act Cases	1	
<u>6.</u>	<u>CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS WHOSE AVAILABILITY FOR POSSIBLE USE AS WITNESSES HAS BEEN INQUIRED INTO BY THE DEPARTMENT:</u>		207
	(a) Smith Act Trials	47	
	(b) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations	129	
	(c) Administrative Hearings Re Independent Socialist League	6	
	(d) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions	16	
	(e) Fraud Against the Government Cases	6	
	(f) Labor Management Relations Act Cases	3	

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TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman

DATE: November 18
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FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

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Reference is made to the Director's routing slip
 November 17, 1955, requesting that the chart reflecting
 figures relative to the release of confidential informants
 for testimony in security cases be revised to date.

There is attached a revised chart bringing this
 matter up-to-date as of November 18, 1955.

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Boardman
 Mr. Belmont
 Mr. Baumgardner
 Mr. Reddy

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(N) SECURITY INFORMANTS - ACTION TAKEN UPON DISCONTINUANCE -- Section 107Q of the Manual of Instructions provides among other things that when an informant is discontinued the Bureau should be advised as to whether or not the individual is or is not willing to testify in open court or before administrative hearing boards regarding the information in his possession and whether interested offices have been so advised. Hereafter, whenever an informant is discontinued and becomes available to testify, the Bureau should be advised only of the Security of Government Employee cases in which he has furnished information and of cases of the type indicated below. This advice should be furnished under individual case caption and the Bureau notified when all action completed.

From time to time the Department expresses an interest in utilizing a particular informant for testifying when he becomes available as a witness. As a result there will be correspondence reflecting this situation between the Bureau and the field. Copies of all such correspondence should be placed in the informant's file. Occasionally such correspondence may be voluminous and apply to more than one informant. In those cases, it will be sufficient to summarize the information concerning each particular informant and place the summary in the appropriate informant's file. Thereafter, when an informant is discontinued and becomes available for testifying, his file should be reviewed to determine if any such copies or summaries of correspondence are contained therein. In those cases where it is evident the Department has indicated a desire to consider the informant further when he becomes available, appropriate action

should be taken to advise the Bureau in each such substantive case, except in those cases where it is obvious the Statute of Limitations has run or the case has been adjudicated. This exception does not apply to Security of Government Employee cases.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover

Director

Attachment for (H)

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(M) COMMUNIST PARTY ATTEMPTS TO ASCERTAIN IDENTITIES OF BUREAU INFORMANTS AND POTENTIAL GOVERNMENT WITNESSES -- Reference is made to SAC Letter 55-57 dated September 7, 1955, Section (N), describing a tactic being used by the Communist Party in an obvious attempt to determine the identities of Bureau informants and potential witnesses in security trials, and setting out instructions to be furnished to all current confidential informants with reference to this tactic. (S)(U)

During a Communist Party club meeting in a west coast city in October, 1955, each member present was instructed that prior to January, 1956, he would be expected to execute a signed statement to the effect that he would not testify against any other member of the club. This appears to be a continuation and an enlargement of the tactic described in referenced SAC Letter. Each field office should, therefore, on the occasion of the next contact with current security informants, advise each such informant of this new technique. Informants already made available for testimony at Smith Act or other security trials or security hearings should be instructed not to sign such a statement if requested to do so, although refusal may result in their exposure as informants or in their expulsion from the Communist Party. (S)(U)

Each other current security informant should be instructed that, should he be contacted to sign such a statement, he may discuss with the functionary or functionaries requesting him to sign the statement any plausible reasons why he does not desire to sign it. If the informant feels, however, that such action or his outright refusal to sign the statement will result in his exposure as an informant or in his expulsion from the Communist Party, he should sign the statement. The informant should immediately thereafter submit to the field office a detailed written report setting out the date, place, and time of the contact; the identities of the individuals who contacted him; the contents of the statement; and the informant's reasons for signing it. (S)(U)

A confidential informant who is scheduled to testify at the New Haven Smith Act trial was recently contacted by two of the defendants and was orally questioned as to whether he had ever heard any of the defendants advocate or teach the overthrow of the Government by force and violence. According to the informant, one of the defendants who questioned him may have had a device concealed in her shoulder bag for the purpose of recording his answer to this question. Accordingly, each informant should further be instructed to be alert to the possibility of such a procedure. Informants who are scheduled to testify at Smith Act or other security trials or security hearings should be instructed not to make oral admissions which are not true even though their refusal to do so may result in their exposure as informants or in their expulsion from the Communist Party. (S)(U)

Confidential informants who are not scheduled to testify should be instructed to follow the same procedure with reference to oral admissions as they do with reference to signing statements. (S)(U)

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TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman *LB*DATE: November 16, 1955 *am*FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont *AB*SUBJECT: DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON
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The minutes of the above committee dated November 1, 1955, have been received and reviewed.

The committee cleared [redacted] and [redacted] for use as Government witnesses in any instance in which their testimony is independently corroborated by either available or unavailable sources.

ACTION:

Copies of the above-described minutes have been prepared for Bufiles of [redacted] (100-3-74-2893) and [redacted] (100-373571).

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TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman

DATE: November 2,
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FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

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Pursuant to the Director's instructions, a running memorandum has been initiated concerning the use of current confidential informants as witnesses in security prosecutions. This memorandum reflects the following data:

1. Current confidential informants already exposed as witnesses.
2. Current confidential informants interviewed by Departmental attorneys and Department has advised they will be used as witnesses at scheduled trials and hearings.
3. Current confidential informants interviewed by Departmental attorneys but Department has not advised that they will be definitely used as witnesses.
4. Current confidential informants who have been made available for interview by Departmental attorneys.
5. Current confidential informants whose background and value has been furnished to Department for decision as to interview and possible use as witnesses.
6. Current confidential informants whose availability for possible use as witnesses has been inquired into by the Department.

Under each of the above categories, the number of informants will be broken down as to the various types of cases involved such as Smith Act trials, Subversive Activities Control Board hearings, Labor Management Relations Act cases, et cetera.

Attached hereto is a chart reflecting the status of this matter as of November 1, 1955.

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cc: Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Baumgardner
Mr. Brantigan
Mr. Donohue
Mr. Reddy

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ACTION:

This memorandum, previously submitted on the fifteenth of each month, will be kept up-to-date hereafter by the preparation of a current statistical chart reflecting the status as of the first of each month. Pursuant to the Director's notation on the October 17, 1955, memorandum, a copy of the chart will be transmitted to the Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General Rogers, and Assistant Attorney General Tompkins, on the first of each month. A letter to the Attorney General, with copies to Assistant Attorney General Tompkins and Deputy Attorney General Rogers is attached hereto transmitting the November 1, 1955, chart.

V.P. [unclear] [unclear]

RELEASING CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS
FOR TESTIMONY IN SECURITY CASES

<u>1.</u>	<u>CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS EXPOSED AS WITNESSES:</u>	39
(a)	Smith Act Trials	33
(b)	Subversive Activities Control Board (SACB) Hearings Re Front Organizations	3
(c)	Labor Management Relations Act Cases	2
(d)	Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico Trials	1
<u>2.</u>	<u>CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS AND DEPARTMENT HAS ADVISED THEY WILL BE USED AS WITNESSES AT SCHEDULED TRIALS AND HEARINGS:</u>	12
(a)	Smith Act Trials	10
(b)	SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations	2
<u>3.</u>	<u>CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS BUT DEPARTMENT HAS NOT ADVISED THAT THEY WILL BE DEFINITELY USED AS WITNESSES:</u>	9
(a)	Smith Act Trials	9
<u>4.</u>	<u>CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS WHO HAVE BEEN MADE AVAIL- ABLE FOR INTERVIEW BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS:</u>	17
(a)	Smith Act Trials	1
(b)	Labor Management Relations Act Cases	1
(c)	SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations	2
(d)	SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions	13
<u>5.</u>	<u>CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS WHOSE BACKGROUND AND VALUE HAVE BEEN FURNISHED TO DEPARTMENT FOR DECISION AS TO INTER- VIEW AND POSSIBLE USE AS WITNESSES:</u>	22
(a)	Smith Act Trials	13
(b)	SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations	6
(c)	Administrative Hearings Re Independent Socialist League	2
(d)	Labor Management Relations Act Cases	1
<u>6.</u>	<u>CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS WHOSE AVAILABILITY FOR POSSIBLE USE AS WITNESSES HAS BEEN INQUIRED INTO BY THE DEPARTMENT:</u>	209
(a)	Smith Act Trials	47
(b)	SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations	129
(c)	Administrative Hearings Re Independent Socialist League	6
(d)	SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions	18
(e)	Fraud Against the Government Cases	6
(f)	Labor Management Relations Act Cases	3

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(c) Administrative Hearings Re Independent Socialist League	2	
(d) Labor Management Relations Act Cases	1	
<u>6. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS WHOSE AVAILABILITY FOR POSSIBLE USE AS WITNESSES HAS BEEN INQUIRED INTO BY THE DEPARTMENT:</u>		<u>209</u>
(a) Smith Act Trials	47	
(b) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations	129	
(c) Administrative Hearings Re Independent Socialist League	6	
(d) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions	18	
(e) Fraud Against the Government Cases	6	
(f) Labor Management Relations Act Cases	3	

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Grand Total - 308

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cc: Mr. Belmont
Mr. Reddy

Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins

November 23, 1955

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COMMUNIST PARTY ATTEMPTS TO ASCERTAIN
IDENTITIES OF BUREAU INFORMANTS AND
POTENTIAL GOVERNMENT WITNESSES

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Reference is made to the conference among
Departmental representatives William E. Foley and
Thomas K. Hall and Messrs. J. A. Sizoo and F. J.
Baumgardner of the Bureau on November 15, 1955, con-
cerning the captioned matter.

It was pointed out by the Bureau's representa-
tives that when current informants are classified by the
Department as essential witnesses at Smith Act or other
security trials or hearings, they are, pursuant to
instructions issued by the Department, told not to orally
admit or sign a statement that they had never heard the
defendants advocate overthrow of Government by force and
violence if such admission or statement is not completely
true. It was further pointed out that since security
trials and hearings are usually delayed for long periods
of time, the Bureau would in all probability lose the
services of such informants months before the trial or
hearing actually begins since the refusal of these inform-
ants to make such an oral admission or sign such a state-
ment would result in their expulsion from the Communist
Party and/or their exposure as Bureau informants. The
fact that the Department would also lose the benefit of a
surprise witness and that the defense would have time to
thoroughly explore the informant's background for cross-
examination purposes was also mentioned.

Messrs. Foley and Hall stated that in view of
these considerations, current informants scheduled to
testify at security trials or hearings should, if contacted,
make such an oral admission or sign such a statement up to
the date the trial actually starts and should immediately
thereafter submit a written report to the field office
setting out the details of the contact, the nature of the
admission made or the statement signed, and the fact that
such admission was made or statement signed solely to protect
the informant's status. Messrs. Foley and Hall further

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William F. Tompkins

pointed out that once the trial or hearing has started, any current informant scheduled to testify should refuse to make such an admission or to sign such a statement even though refusal results in exposure as a Bureau informant and/or expulsion from the Communist Party..

The Departmental representatives specifically requested that the current informants scheduled to testify at the Cleveland, New Haven, and Buffalo Smith Act cases not be included under this new procedure.

The necessary instructions have been issued to our various field offices in accordance with the Department's decision as stated at the above conference.

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cc: Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Reddy

The Attorney General

December 5, 1955

Director, FBI

RELEASING CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS
FOR TESTIMONY IN SECURITY CASES

Reference is made to my memorandum dated November 2, 1955, attaching a chart which reflected the number of current confidential informants already exposed through testimony at various security trials and hearings as well as the categories into which additional current informants may be placed in connection with pending and proposed security trials and hearings.

There is attached hereto a chart which reflects similar information representing inquiries and requests submitted by the Internal Security Division of the Department and replied to by the Bureau through December 1, 1955.

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2 cc - Mr. William P. Rogers
Deputy Attorney General
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2 cc - Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins
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RELEASING CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS
FOR TESTIMONY IN SECURITY CASES

<u>1. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS EXPOSED AS WITNESSES:</u>		39
(a) Smith Act Trials	33	
(b) Subversive Activities Control Board (SACB) Hearings Re Front Organizations	3	
(c) Labor Management Relations Act Cases	2	
(d) Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico Trials	1	
<u>2. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS AND DEPARTMENT HAS ADVISED THEY WILL BE USED AS WITNESSES AT SCHEDULED TRIALS AND HEARINGS:</u>		12
(a) Smith Act Trials	10	
(b) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations	2	
<u>3. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS BUT DEPARTMENT HAS NOT ADVISED THAT THEY WILL BE DEFINITELY USED AS WITNESSES:</u>		12
(a) Smith Act Trials	9	
(b) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions	3	
<u>4. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS WHO HAVE BEEN MADE AVAIL- ABLE FOR INTERVIEW BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS:</u>		22
(a) Smith Act Trials	4	
(b) Labor Management Relations Act Cases	1	
(c) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations	2	
(d) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions	13	
(e) Administrative Hearings Re Independent Socialist League	2	
<u>5. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS WHOSE BACKGROUND AND VALUE HAVE BEEN FURNISHED TO DEPARTMENT FOR DECISION AS TO INTER- VIEW AND POSSIBLE USE AS WITNESSES:</u>		22
(a) Smith Act Trials	14	
(b) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations	6	
(c) Labor Management Relations Act Cases	1	
(d) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions	1	
<u>6. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS WHOSE AVAILABILITY FOR POSSIBLE USE AS WITNESSES HAS BEEN INQUIRED INTO BY THE DEPARTMENT:</u>		254
(a) Smith Act Trials	53	
(b) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations	152	
(c) Administrative Hearings Re Independent Socialist League	5	
(d) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions	30	
(e) Fraud Against the Government Cases	6	
(f) Labor Management Relations Act Cases	8	

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TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman *12/1/55*

DATE: December 2, 1955

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont *AB*ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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Pursuant to the Director's instructions, a running memorandum has been initiated concerning the use of current confidential informants as witnesses in security prosecutions. This memorandum reflects the following data:

1. Current confidential informants already exposed as witnesses.
2. Current confidential informants interviewed by Departmental attorneys and Department has advised they will be used as witnesses at scheduled trials and hearings.
3. Current confidential informants interviewed by Departmental attorneys but Department has not advised that they will be definitely used as witnesses.
4. Current confidential informants who have been made available for interview by Departmental attorneys.
5. Current confidential informants whose background and value has been furnished to Department for decision as to interview and possible use as witnesses.
6. Current confidential informants whose availability for possible use as witnesses has been inquired into by the Department.

Under each of the above categories, the number of informants will be broken down as to the various types of cases involved, such as Smith Act trials, Subversive Activities Control Board hearings, Labor Management Relations Act cases, et cetera.

Attached hereto is a chart reflecting the status of this matter as of December 1, 1955. It should be noted that in category 2(a), one of the informants recently died, and the Department has advised that one informant in category 3(b) and one in category 3(c) are too valuable to the Bureau to be used as witnesses.

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Memorandum for Mr. Boardman

ACTION:

This memorandum, previously submitted on the fifteenth of each month, will be kept up-to-date hereafter by the preparation of a current statistical chart reflecting the status as of the first of each month. Pursuant to the Director's notation on the October 15, 1955, memorandum, a copy of the chart will be transmitted to the Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General Rogers, and Assistant Attorney General Tompkins, on the first of each month. A letter to the Attorney General, with copies to Assistant Attorney General Tompkins and Deputy Attorney General Rogers is attached hereto transmitting the December 1, 1955, chart.

Enclosures

cc: Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Baumgardner
Mr. Branigan
Mr. Donohue
Mr. Reddy

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman

DATE: December 12, 1955

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT:

RELEASING CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS
FOR TESTIMONY IN SECURITY CASES

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901820 By memorandum dated December 9, 1955, John V. Lindsey, Executive Assistant to the Attorney General, forwarded to the Bureau a memorandum from Assistant Attorney General Tompkins dated December 6, 1955, which requested a breakdown of the first three items on the chart captioned "Releasing Current Confidential Informants for Testimony in Security Cases," which was sent to the Department under date of December 5, 1955.

There is attached hereto a chart for the Director's information indicating the names and specific trials relative to each of the informants listed in the first three items of the chart. There is also attached a memorandum for Mr. Lindsey, copies to Assistant Attorney General Tompkins, forwarding a similar chart with the exception that the names of the informants in the third category are not used, since the Department has not definitely decided to use them as witnesses.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the attached memorandum and chart be transmitted to Mr. Lindsey, with copies to Assistant Attorney General Tompkins.

Enclosures

cc: Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Baumgardner
Mr. Reddy

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RELEASING CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS
FOR TESTIMONY IN SECURITY CASES

1. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS EXPOSED AS WITNESSES:

40

(a) Smith Act Trials

(1) First New York Trial

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(2) Baltimore Trial

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(3) Los Angeles Trial

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(4) Pittsburgh Trial

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(5) Seattle Trial

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(6) Philadelphia Trial

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(7) St. Louis Trial

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(8) Detroit Trial

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* Did not testify but was exposed as informant
as result of testimony of her husband,

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(9)	<u>Claude Lightfoot Membership Trial</u>	2
	[REDACTED]	
(10)	<u>Junius Scales Membership Trial</u>	1
	[REDACTED]	
(11)	<u>Denver Trial</u>	4
	[REDACTED]	
(12)	<u>Cleveland Trial</u>	1
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(b)	<u>Subversive Activities Control Board (SACB) Hearings Re Front Organizations</u>	
(1)	<u>National Council of American-Soviet Friendship</u>	1
	[REDACTED]	
(2)	<u>Labor Youth League</u>	1
	[REDACTED]	
(3)	<u>Civil Rights Congress</u>	1
	[REDACTED]	
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(c)	<u>Labor Management Relations Act Cases</u>	
(1)	<u>Everett Melvin Hupman Case</u>	2
	[REDACTED]	
(d)	<u>Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico Trial</u>	1
	[REDACTED]	
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* Did not testify but was exposed as informant
as result of testimony of her husband, [REDACTED]

2. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS AND DEPARTMENT HAS ADVISED THEY WILL BE USED AS WITNESSES AT SCHEDULED TRIALS AND HEARINGS:

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(a) Smith Act Trials

(1) Cleveland Trial

* [REDACTED] 2
(deceased)

(2) New Haven Trial

[REDACTED] 2

(3) San Juan Trial

[REDACTED] 3

(4) John Noto Membership Trial

[REDACTED] 2

Total 9

(b) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations

(1) Council on African Affairs

[REDACTED] 2

3. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS BUT DEPARTMENT HAS NOT ADVISED THAT THEY WILL BE DEFINITELY USED AS WITNESSES:

24

(a) Smith Act Trials

(1) San Francisco Trial

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[REDACTED]

* Has since testified at Cleveland trial.

(2) Third New York Trial

[Redacted]

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(3) New Haven Trial

[Redacted]

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Total 10

(b) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions

(1) Communist Infiltration of the United Electrical,
Radio and Machine Workers of America 12

[Redacted]

(c) Administrative Hearings Re Independent Socialist
League 2

[Redacted]

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: December 6,
1955

FROM : MR. J. A. SIZOO

SUBJECT: INTRODUCTION OF INFORMANT REPORTS
INTO EVIDENCE AT SMITH ACT AND
OTHER SECURITY TRIALSALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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EX-COMMUNISTS AS WITNESSES

Reference is made to the attached memorandum to Mr. Belmont dated November 23, 1955, regarding the captioned matter.

On December 2, 1955, Section Chief F. J. Baumgardner and I met with Departmental Attorney William E. Foley in his office. Mr. Foley was advised that in the Cleveland Smith Act trial, Government attorneys handling the case had turned over to the judge reports of former confidential informants [redacted] and [redacted] furthermore, the judge had turned over [redacted] report to the defense counsel for review and that this report had been entered into evidence. It was pointed out to Mr. Foley that the Bureau had not had an opportunity to review these informants' reports prior to the time they had been turned over to the court. Mr. Foley was reminded that the established policy in Smith Act cases is for Government attorneys to make every effort to keep informant reports and other Bureau records from being produced in court; that before informant reports are produced, the Government attorneys ask the judge for time to consult with the Department. The Department then notifies the Bureau in order to insure that we have an opportunity to carefully consider all reports demanded by the defense before the Government loses control of such reports by having them produced in court.

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Mr. Foley stated that he is fully aware of this policy and that the policy has not been changed. Mr. Foley stated that the Department had informed USA Canary prior to the time the trial started of the Department's policy in trying Smith Act cases. He was specifically briefed on the fact that the Department should be consulted prior to the time informant reports or other FBI records are produced in court. Mr. Foley stated that USA Canary will be promptly informed again of the absolute necessity of conferring with the Department prior to producing informant reports in court. He said he felt this additional instruction to USA Canary would produce the desired results and that USA Canary would contact the Department in the future prior to turning over any informant reports to the court.

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Memorandum for Mr. Belmont

ACTION:

Inasmuch as Mr. Foley stated that there has been no change in the Department's policy and that USA Canary will again be reminded of the necessity of conferring with the Department prior to producing informant reports in court, it is not felt that a confirming letter to the Department is necessary in this instance.

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cc - Mr. Belmont
Mr. Sizoo
Mr. Baumgardner
Attachment

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman

DATE: November 23, 1955

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

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SUBJECT: INTRODUCTION OF INFORMANTS' REPORTS
INTO EVIDENCE AT SMITH ACT AND OTHER
SECURITY TRIALS

Until recently, the following policy has been followed by Department at Bureau's insistence in order to prevent informant reports and other Bureau records from being introduced into evidence: (1) The informants were not allowed to review reports prior to testifying to prevent defense claim of "past recollection refreshed" as basis for demanding reports; (2) If defense demand made for production, Government attorneys entered strenuous objections in accordance with procedure outlined in Departmental memorandum of 3/15/54, entitled "Production of Documents"; (3) If judge demanded reports be turned over to him for review in chambers, such action was taken after conference among Bureau and Departmental representatives but Government attorneys pointed out to court that they were bound by Departmental Order 3229 and that before reports could be made available to defense, permission of Attorney General would have to be obtained; and (5) Should judge order reports turned over to defense, continuance was requested by Government attorneys and matter was again discussed by Department and Bureau to determine whether there was any objection to report or reports being turned over to defense.

Current Problem:

In connection with current Cleveland Smith Act trial, two instances have occurred indicating that Government attorneys may be relaxing their efforts with reference to the protection of Bureau records:

(1) Government witness [redacted] testified on cross-examination 11/14/44, that he had refreshed his memory by reviewing approximately 55 to 60 of his written reports (some of them three times) and had last seen them the previous day in the U. S. Attorney's office. Defense demanded production of these reports and on 11/16/55, judge instructed Government to turn over 19 of these reports for his review in chambers. Government attorneys objected but judge pointed out that in previous Smith Act cases court had looked at reports and he intended to do so. U. S. Attorney reminded judge that Government was controlled by Departmental Order 3229 and would have to obtain

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Memorandum for Mr. Boardman

permission from Attorney General before reports were turned over to defense should court so order. Judge later advised he had read most of [] 19 reports and could find no inconsistencies but desired to read remaining reports before deciding whether to turn them over to defense. On 11/22/55, judge ruled that he could find no contradictory statements in the reports and there was no basis for turning them over to defense. Court ordered the 19 reports sealed for possible use of Court of Appeals.

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(2) Third Government witness, [] testified to statement at a Communist Party school on 12/5/48, and although [] had not reviewed this report prior to testifying, court requested Government to produce Photostat for review in chambers. Thereafter, over Government objection, judge turned over report to defense counsel for review and on 11/21/55, defense counsel cross-examined [] on this report. Thereafter the report was entered into evidence without Government objection.

OBSERVATIONS:

Current situation is traceable in part to recent decision of Department that in certain instances Government attorneys preparing informant for testimony will allow him to refresh his recollection by reviewing his reports. Department requested Bureau's views as to this procedure and Bureau pointed out inherent danger to Department and advised that such procedure must be handled by Department alone and Bureau did not desire to be consulted. Following [] incident, Cleveland Office, by teletype 11/17/55, was referred to SAC letters covering this problem and was issued additional instructions as to immediately advising Bureau of possibility of such situations arising in future. It appears from two above incidents that Government attorneys are relaxing their efforts with reference to the protection of Bureau records.

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the above, it is recommended that we immediately confer with the Department; remind Department of established policy, insist that Government attorneys make every effort to conform with their policy and assure that Bureau has opportunity to carefully consider all reports demanded by defense before Government loses control of such reports.

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cc - Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
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(M) COMMUNIST PARTY ATTEMPTS TO ASCERTAIN IDENTITIES OF BUREAU INFORMANTS AND POTENTIAL GOVERNMENT WITNESSES -- Reference is made to SAC Letter #55-57, Section (N), and to SAC Letter #55-68, Section (M), setting out the procedure to be followed by current confidential informants should they be requested to make an oral admission or sign a statement to the effect that they had never heard the defendants in a Smith Act or other security trial or hearing teach or advocate overthrow of Government by force and violence.

This matter has again been taken up with the Department and the Department has decided that due to the delay experienced in

bringing security cases to trial, current confidential informants scheduled to testify at security trials or hearings should make such an oral admission or sign such a statement, if requested to do so, up to the time the trial or hearing actually begins. If contacted, these informants should, of course, immediately (on the same day if at all possible) submit a report to the field office setting out complete details of the contact, the nature of the admission made or the contents of the statement signed. The report should clearly state that the admission was made or the statement signed not because it was true but solely to protect the informant's status. Once the trial or hearing actually begins, however, informants scheduled to testify should not make such oral admissions or sign such statements if they are not completely true, although their refusal to do so may result in their exposure as informants or in their expulsion from the Communist Party.

The Department specifically requested that informants scheduled to testify at the Cleveland, New Haven, and Buffalo Smith Act trials remain under instructions not to make such an admission or sign such a statement since the Cleveland and New Haven trials are currently in progress and the John Noto membership trial in Buffalo is scheduled to begin in the immediate future.

Accordingly, all current confidential informants in offices other than Cleveland, New Haven, and Buffalo who have been made available for testimony at pending or contemplated Smith Act trials or other security trials or hearings should be immediately contacted and advised of the change of procedure outlined herein. It should be impressed on these informants that if they are contacted and are obliged to make an oral admission or sign a statement, a detailed report must be immediately submitted to the field office. The report should be submitted on the same day, if at all possible. The Bureau should be fully advised of any such incidents in order that the Department may be immediately notified.

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(L) SECURITY INFORMANTS -- In connection with Smith Act and other security trials and hearings, it is necessary under our present procedure to furnish memoranda to the Department containing information concerning current informants being considered as potential witnesses. This information is prepared by the appropriate field offices and contains data on the informant's background, value, type of information furnished, long-range potential and factors affecting his credibility. Some offices have been transmitting this information to the Bureau under the character of the case involved and the field office copies of such letters are, therefore, being filed in the field substantive case files. These communications do not mention the informant by name but use his symbol. However, they are so detailed that it would not be difficult for someone with knowledge of subversive activity in a locality to determine the name of the informant involved. Such detailed information should only be maintained in the informant's file under close supervision of the SAC, ASAC or Security Supervisor and should not be set out in substantive case files maintained in the open file section of the office.

For security reasons, such identifying data should be transmitted to the Bureau in memorandum form under the informant's symbol. The memorandum should be furnished by cover letter having case caption. The field copy of the cover letter should be filed in the substantive case file and the field copy of the memorandum should be filed in the informant's file. Since memoranda under present procedure have been prepared since June, 1955, you should check back and transfer any such memoranda from substantive case files to appropriate informant files.

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cc: Mr. Belmont
Mr. Reddy

Mr. John V. Lindsay
Executive Assistant to the Attorney
General

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RELEASING CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS
FOR TESTIMONY IN SECURITY CASES

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Reference is made to your memorandum dated December 9, 1955, forwarding Mr. Tompkins' memorandum to you dated December 6, 1955, in which Mr. Tompkins requested a breakdown of the first three items on the chart, captioned as above, which was furnished to the Attorney General on December 5, 1955.

Pursuant to Mr. Tompkins' request, there is attached hereto an enlarged chart listing the confidential informants in each of these categories together with the specific trial in which each was or is involved. The informants in category three have been identified to the Departmental Attorneys who interviewed them in the field.

Mr. Tompkins' memorandum to you dated December 6, 1955, with attachments, is being returned herewith.

Enclosures (2)

2 cc - Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins

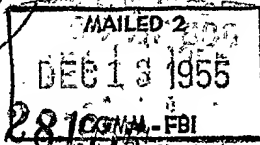
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, FBI

FROM : John V. Lindsay
Executive Assistant to the Attorney General

SUBJECT:

RELEASING CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS
FOR TESTIMONY IN SECURITY CASES

Exp- Communist as Witnesses

Please note Mr. Tompkins' memorandum to me under date of December 6, which I will appreciate if you will return to me. I am sure that this is a matter of the utmost delicacy and I will be glad to drop in and discuss this with you at your convenience, or perhaps we can take care of it over the phone. The Attorney General has not yet had a chance to study your memorandum of the fifth.

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Miss Gandy ☒

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TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman *LB*

DATE: October 31, 1955

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont *ahb*SUBJECT: DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON
SECURITY WITNESSES
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The Bureau is in receipt of a copy of the above committee's report dated October 13, 1955, to the Attorney General. This report sets out the history and functions of this committee: (a) It was established pursuant to the request of the Attorney General on April 5, 1955. (b) This committee consists of three attorneys representing the Internal Security Division, the Criminal Division, and the Immigration and Naturalization Service of the Department. (c) It was formulated to resolve problems encountered in using ex-Communists as Government witnesses in Departmental cases.

This committee has held 32 meetings and considered 36 witnesses. Of the 36 witnesses considered, 26 had been cleared and approved; six, namely Matthew Cvetic, Maurice Malkin, [redacted] and [redacted] were furnished "restricted clearance"; one witness, [redacted] was not cleared and the committee recommended he not be used as a Departmental witness; the clearance of the three remaining witnesses is still pending and will be disposed of in the near future. It was recommended that no cases in which the above witnesses testified be opened.

The Department under date of May 20, 1955, issued instructions to all United States Attorneys to be followed if an ex-Communist was to testify for the Government. (In line with these instructions SAC Letter 55-40 J was transmitted to the field outlining the procedure to be followed by the field offices in such matters.)

ACTION:

None.

Minutes of the above committee covering each meeting have been reviewed on an individual basis and the necessary memoranda prepared for appropriate Bufiles.

cc - Mr. Boardman
cc - Mr. Belmont
cc - Mr. Baumgardner
cc - Mr. Rose

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cc: Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Reddy

The Attorney General

January 4, 1956

Director, FBI

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***RELEASING CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS
FOR TESTIMONY IN SECURITY CASES**

Reference is made to my memorandum dated December 2, 1955, attaching a chart which reflected the number of current confidential informants already exposed through testimony at various security trials and hearings as well as the categories into which additional current informants may be placed in connection with pending and proposed security trials and hearings.

There is attached hereto a chart which reflects similar information representing inquiries and requests submitted by the Internal Security Division of the Department and replied to by the Bureau through January 1, 1956.

In view of the request set forth in the memorandum of Assistant Attorney General Tompkins to Mr. John Lindsay dated December 6, 1955, which was referred to me by memorandum from Mr. Lindsay dated December 9, 1955, an enlarged chart is also attached identifying the confidential informants in the first three categories together with the specific trial in which each was or is involved. The informants in category three have been identified by name to the Departmental attorneys who interviewed them in the field.

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2 cc - Mr. William F. Rogers
Deputy Attorney General
(With Enclosures - 2)

2 cc - Assistant Attorney General William F. Tompkins
(With Enclosures - 2)

NOTE: Attachment to memo from Mr. Belmont to Mr. Boardman, dated 1/3/56, same caption, EBR:gft.

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TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: December 16, 1955

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY ATTACKS AGAINST BUREAU
INFORMANTS WHO HAVE TESTIFIED FOR THE
GOVERNMENT

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Pursuant to Mr. Nichol's request, there are set out hereafter several incidents reflecting Communist Party (CP) attacks against confidential informants of the Bureau who have testified for the Government at Smith Act trials and at hearings before the Subversive Activities Control Board:

1. SMITH ACT TRIALS the F. B. I ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
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A. Cleveland Trial 401820

The Cleveland Smith Act trial involving 11 defendants is currently in progress. On 12-2-55 the presiding judge advised Government attorneys that he had come into possession of a copy of a pamphlet entitled "The Professional Informer" written by Hyman Lumer and published by the New Century Publishers in New York in November, 1955. The judge was concerned with the possibility that this pamphlet might by some means be placed in the hands of the jurors. Neither the judge nor Government attorneys, however, desired the Bureau to take any action with reference to this matter. Hyman Lumer is a CP functionary from Cleveland and a Smith Act subject. He would have been included as a defendant had his whereabouts been known at the time the arrests were made in Cleveland. The pamphlet "The Professional Informer" was described by Cleveland as highly inflammatory and prejudicial relative to Bureau informants who had testified at the Cleveland trial. It particularly attacks former informants [redacted]

and [redacted] The pamphlet is also critical of the FBI and its use of informants. The New York Office recently submitted a document, obtained through trash coverage of CP headquarters, consisting of a letter to all district organizers highly praising this pamphlet and instructing that its sale be pushed in all districts and particularly in those districts where Smith Act trials have been held, are in progress, or will be held in the future.

Enclosure *see letter*

cc: Mr. Nichols
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Baumgardner
Mr. Reddy

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B. New Haven Trial

The New Haven Smith Act trial involving eight defendants is currently in progress. The New Haven Office recently submitted a publication captioned "Reporter" published by the Connecticut Volunteers for Civil Rights, New Haven, Connecticut, which vigorously attacks various confidential informants who have been used by the Government in prior Smith Act trials. A copy of this publication is attached. While a conference was being held among defense counsel and Government counsel in the chambers of the United States District Judge in New Haven on December 1, 1955, one of the defendants in the Smith Act trial, [redacted] was distributing copies of this publication to reporters who had been present in the courtroom covering the trial. This distribution was being made in the courtroom by [redacted]. The judge instructed [redacted] attorney to advise him and the other defendants to cease distribution of this and other material in the courtroom and in the Federal building.

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C. Philadelphia Trial

This trial involving nine defendants is presently on appeal to the Circuit Court of Appeals. On 12-9-55 a current informant of the Philadelphia Office advised that at a CP meeting on 12-8-55, Thomas Nabried, one of the convicted Philadelphia defendants, announced that the CP is very concerned over security since the exposure of [redacted] as a Bureau informant at the Cleveland trial on 12-1-55. Nabried said that the CP is going to take more stringent measures to detect informants and that he, Nabried, believed the only way to stop further testimony of "stool pigeons" is to have two out-of-town people get in the informant's car some night after the informant first testifies and beat him senseless. Nabried indicated that this would frighten other informants. He stated that he had suggested this idea to another CP leader but this leader was not in favor of his suggestion.

D. Pittsburgh Trial

This trial involving five defendants is currently on appeal to the Supreme Court. On 3-11-53 while the trial was in progress in Pittsburgh, the court ascertained that several of the jurors had received by mail leaflets captioned "Thirty Pieces of Silver." This leaflet, issued by the Ben Careathers Defense Committee, Pittsburgh, condemned the Bureau's development and use of confidential informants.

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D. Los Angeles Trial

This trial involving 14 defendants is currently on appeal to the Supreme Court. Following the testimony of former informant [redacted] in March, 1953, the neighborhood where [redacted] resided was flooded with leaflets condemning him as a stool pigeon. [redacted] who had been [redacted] later advised that he had lost his position as a result of these leaflets and as a result of the pressure which the CP was able to bring on the board of trustees of the church.

F. Denver Trial

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This trial involving seven defendants is currently on appeal to the Circuit Court. On April 26, 1955, [redacted] an informant of the Salt Lake City Office, appeared as a Government witness against the Denver defendants. At 2:00 a.m. the following morning, April 27, 1955, Wayne Holley, Chairman of the Utah State CP, attempted to gain entrance to [redacted] home in Salt Lake City and after telling [redacted] that her husband was in Denver testifying against her friends, Holley asked her if she knew that her husband had heart trouble and that any excitement might kill him. Holley continued this line of talk, apparently trying to intimidate [redacted]. At 12:30 a.m. the following morning, April 28, 1955, Holley again attempted to gain entrance to [redacted] home indicating that a lot of innocent people were being hurt by [redacted] testimony and that he, Holley, believed that [redacted] had suffered a mental collapse. This matter was presented to the United States Attorney at Salt Lake City as a possible violation of the Obstruction of Justice Statute but prosecution was declined primarily since [redacted] did not desire his wife to testify.

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G. Detroit Trial

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The conviction of the six defendants in this trial was affirmed by the Circuit Court on 11-18-55 and the defendants are now making a determination as to whether the case should be appealed to the Supreme Court. On 2-25-54, following the testimony of confidential informant [redacted] in the Detroit trial, an informant advised that a progressive caucus of the Ford Motor Company, Local 600, UAW-CIO, was held. Many persons attending the caucus expressed great animosity and contempt regarding [redacted] because of his recent testimony. The informant was advised that spot surveillances had been instituted on [redacted] and on [redacted] residence by the Party and it was the informant's opinion that when the opportunity

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crose, [] would be "worked over." The informant further advised that one [] who was in attendance at the meeting, stated when referring to [] that "If he involves my name before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, I will go to his house and kill him."

H. St. Louis Trial

This trial involving five defendants is currently on appeal to the Circuit Court. During the testimony of [] a St. Louis confidential informant, the St. Louis Office received information from two confidential informants that the Civil Rights Congress had prepared and intended to distribute a leaflet vigorously attacking []. The leaflet quoted the Bible, Matthew - 26th Chapter, 15 Verse "And he said unto them, what will you give unto me and I will deliver them unto you." The leaflet accused [] of betraying the people of the world for filthy money. Although information was received on several occasions that the leaflet was to be distributed, there is no indication that such distribution ever took place. It is noted that this data was obtained from two informants who continue to be active in St. Louis and any publication of the information regarding this leaflet could jeopardize the security of these two informants.

Also during the St. Louis trial, the St. Louis Civil Rights Congress prepared and distributed a leaflet attacking confidential informant and Government witness [] as a stool pigeon. This leaflet was distributed at the entrance of a large industrial plant in St. Louis on 4-12-54.

2. SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES CONTROL BOARD HEARINGS

A. American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born (ACFPB)

The hearing regarding the ACPFB is currently in progress. Marion Miller, a former informant of our Los Angeles Office, testified for the Government from October 4-12, 1955, relative to the Communist nature of the Los Angeles Committee for Protection of Foreign Born (LACFPB), an affiliate of the ACPFB. On October 17, 1955, she reported that her entire neighborhood, her Parent-Teachers Association group and personal friends during the previous weekend had received a document issued by the LACFPB attacking her character and labeling her as a stool pigeon and spy. This document was an open letter stating that during the week of October 3 Marion Miller testified

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that since 1950 she had been employed as a spy for the FBI. The letter went on to state that she joined local activities such as raising of funds for a home for the aged, a nursery school, a synagogue, various women's organizations and a committee which defends the rights of foreign-born citizens and residents of the United States, all "for the admitted purpose of taking minutes of meetings, stealing letters and records from the files, recording the names of persons attending the meetings and what they had to say, and turning all information over to the FBI for distortion to achieve intimidation." A Photostat of this open letter is attached.

In connection with this same hearing the October-November 1955 issue of "The Northern Light" published by the Washington Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, affiliate of the ACPFB, was circularized through the mail and received by one of our Seattle informants. According to Seattle airtel 12-13-55 this publication included an article captioned "SACB Hearings on ACPFB Give Local Stool Pigeons a Chance to Make Good in Big City." This article stated:

"Hearings before the SACB in Washington, D. C. are continuing, where the Attorney General is endeavoring, with the aid of an assortment of paid informers, professional stoolpigeons and renegades, to prove that the ACPFB is a 'Communist Front' organization.

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"Among the stars of this ill-starred galaxy are [redacted] and [redacted] of Seattle Smith Act, Velde Committee and Washington Pension Union SACB hearing fame. These professionals appear at every political frame-up and are well paid for their services. The Attorney General's office has been releasing a flood of material for publication in a vain effort to try to inspire respect in the public for these people."

3. OBSERVATION

It may be noted that in addition to the above-mentioned incidents the Communist Party press, such as the "Daily Worker" and the "Daily People's World" carry articles castigating Government witnesses on practically every occasion following the appearance of a Government witness in Smith Act trials or hearings before the SACB.

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ACTION:

It is recommended that this memorandum be forwarded to Mr. Nichols for his information.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. Rosen *R*

DATE: January 3, 1956

FROM : C. H. Stanley *CHS*

SUBJECT:

SECURITY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES
EX-COMMUNISTS AS WITNESSES

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Pursuant to the Department's request, the Department was furnished with the identities of employee security cases which involved information received from one or more of the following:

[redacted] Matthew Cvetic, Harvey Matusow, [redacted]
and [redacted] *(u)*

The report of the Departmental Committee on Security Witnesses dated October 13, 1955, to the Attorney General included information that the Committee had considered the employee security cases in which the above ex-Communists had furnished information. With respect to these, the Committee after consideration recommended that the Department of Justice need take no action with respect to these employee security cases. The Committee's report includes its reasons for its recommendation. (100-418105-108)

RECOMMENDATION:

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That a copy of this memorandum be placed in each of the Bureau files covering these employee security cases for informational purposes. The files involved are designated below. Copies of this memorandum are also being designated for the files relating to [redacted] Cvetic, [redacted] Matusow, and [redacted]

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TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman *HL*DATE: January 3, 1956 *1-4-56*FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont *AB*SUBJECT: RELEASING CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS
FOR TESTIMONY IN SECURITY CASES*EX-COMMUNISTS AS WITNESSES*

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W/K Pursuant to the Director's instructions, a running memorandum has been initiated concerning the use of current confidential informants as witnesses in security prosecutions. This memorandum reflects the following data:

1. Current confidential informants already exposed as witnesses.
2. Current confidential informants interviewed by Departmental attorneys and Department has advised they would be used as witnesses at scheduled trials and hearings.
3. Current confidential informants interviewed by Departmental attorneys but Department has not advised that they will be definitely used as witnesses.
4. Current confidential informants who have been made available for interview by Departmental attorneys.
5. Current confidential informants whose background and value has been furnished to Department for decision as to interview and possible use as witnesses.
6. Current confidential informants whose availability for possible use as witnesses has been inquired into by the Department.

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cc - Mr. Boardman
cc - Mr. Belmont
cc - Mr. Baumgardner
cc - Mr. Donohue
cc - Mr. Reddy

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Under each of the above categories, the number of informants will be broken down as to the various types of cases involved, such as Smith Act trials, Subversive Activities Control Board hearings, Labor Management Relations Act cases, et cetera.

Attached hereto is a chart reflecting the status of this matter as of January 1, 1956. It should be noted that in category 2(a), one of the informants recently died, and the Department has advised that one informant in category 3(b) and one in category 3(c) are too valuable to the Bureau to be used as witnesses.

Pursuant to the Director's instructions, a copy of the chart is also transmitted to the Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General Rogers, and Assistant Attorney General Tompkins. Since by memorandum dated December 9, 1955, John V. Lindsay, Executive Assistant to the Attorney General, forwarded a memorandum from Assistant Attorney General Tompkins dated December 6, 1955, which requested a breakdown of the first three items of the chart, an additional chart reflecting this breakdown is also attached for the Director's information and for the information of the Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General Rogers, and Assistant Attorney General Tompkins. It is noted that the copy of this enlarged chart designated for the Director contains the names of the informants in all three categories, whereas the enlarged chart designated for the Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General Rogers, and Assistant Attorney General Tompkins utilizes the informants' symbol numbers rather than their names in category 3. The true names of these informants are, however, known to the Departmental attorneys who interviewed them in the field.

ACTION:

A memorandum to the Attorney General, copies to Deputy Attorney General Rogers, and Assistant Attorney General Tompkins, is attached hereto transmitting the two charts reflecting the status of this matter as of January 1, 1956.

RELATING CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS
FOR TESTIMONY IN SECURITY CASES

<u>1. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS EXPOSED AS WITNESSES:</u>	41
(a) Smith Act Trials	35
(b) Subversive Activities Control Board (SACB) Hearings Re Front Organizations.	3
(c) Labor Management Relations Act Cases	2
(d) Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico Trials.	1
<u>2. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS AND DEPARTMENT HAS ADVISED THEY WOULD BE USED AS WITNESSES AT SCHEDULED TRIALS AND HEARINGS:</u>	16
(a) Smith Act Trials	8
(b) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations	2
(c) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions.	6
<u>3. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS BUT DEPARTMENT HAS NOT ADVISED THAT THEY WILL BE DEFINITELY USED AS WITNESSES:</u>	20
(a) Smith Act Trials	10
(b) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions.	7
(c) Administrative Hearings Re Independent Socialist League.	3
<u>4. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS WHO HAVE BEEN MADE AVAIL- ABLE FOR INTERVIEW BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS:</u>	12
(a) Smith Act Trials	3
(b) Labor Management Relations Act Cases	1
(c) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations	5
(d) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions.	3
<u>5. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS WHOSE BACKGROUND AND VALUE HAVE BEEN FURNISHED TO DEPARTMENT FOR DECISION AS TO INTER- VIEW AND POSSIBLE USE AS WITNESSES:</u>	24
(a) Smith Act Trials	16
(b) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations	3
(c) Labor Management Relations Act Cases	2
(d) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions.	3
<u>6. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS WHOSE AVAILABILITY FOR POSSIBLE USE AS WITNESSES HAS BEEN INQUIRED INTO BY THE DEPARTMENT:</u>	335
(a) Smith Act Trials	64
(b) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations	212
(c) Administrative Hearings Re Independent Socialist League.	2
(d) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions.	37
(e) Fraud Against the Government Cases	7
(f) Labor Management Relations Act Cases	13

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RELEASING CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS
FOR TESTIMONY IN SECURITY CASES

1. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS EXPOSED AS WITNESSES:

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(a) Smith Act Trials

(1) First New York Trial (Ended October 14, 1949) 6

[REDACTED]

William G. Cummings

[REDACTED]

(2) Baltimore Trial (Ended April 1, 1952) 1

[REDACTED]

(3) Los Angeles Trial (Ended August 5, 1952) 4

[REDACTED]

(4) Pittsburgh Trial (Ended August 20, 1953) 3

[REDACTED]

(5) Seattle Trial (Ended October 10, 1953) 4

[REDACTED]

(6) Philadelphia Trial (Ended August 13, 1954) 2

[REDACTED]

(7) St. Louis Trial (Ended May 28, 1954) 3

[REDACTED]

(8) Detroit Trial (Ended February 17, 1954) 3

[REDACTED]

* Did not testify. Exposed through testimony of husband, [REDACTED]

- (9) Claude Lightfoot Membership Trial 2
(Ended January 26, 1955)

[REDACTED]

- (10) Junius Scales Membership Trial 1
(Ended April 21, 1955)

[REDACTED]

- (11) Denver Trial (Ended May 25, 1955) 4

[REDACTED]

- (12) Cleveland Trial (In progress) 2

[REDACTED]

(b) Subversive Activities Control Board (SACB) Hearings
Re Front Organizations

- (1) National Council of American-Soviet Friendship 1
(Hearing ended December 6, 1954)

[REDACTED]

- (2) Labor Youth League (Hearing ended April 28, 1954) 1

[REDACTED]

- (3) Civil Rights Congress (Hearing ended July 5, 1955) 1

[REDACTED]

(c) Labor Management Relations Act Cases

- (1) Everett Melvin Hupman Case 2
(Trial ended January 15, 1954)

[REDACTED]

* Did not testify. Exposed through testimony of husband,

[REDACTED]

(d) Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico Trial
(Trial ended October 12, 1954)

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2. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS AND DEPARTMENT HAS ADVISED THEY WOULD BE USED AS WITNESSES AT SCHEDULED TRIALS AND HEARINGS:

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(a) Smith Act Trials

(1) Cleveland Trial (In progress) 1

[REDACTED]

(Deceased subsequent to listing as witness)

(2) New Haven Trial (In progress) 2

[REDACTED]

(3) San Juan Trial (No date set for trial) 3

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(4) John Noto Membership Trial 2
(Trial set for March 15, 1956)

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Total 8

(b) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations

(1) Council on African Affairs 2
(Petition dismissed without prejudice to Government September 15, 1955)

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(c) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions

- (1) Communist Infiltration of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America

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(Petition filed December 20, 1955)

3. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS BUT DEPARTMENT HAS NOT ADVISED THAT THEY WILL BE DEFINITELY USED AS WITNESSES:

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(a) Smith Act Trials

- (1) San Francisco Trial (Prosecution not authorized to date)

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- (2) Third New York Trial (Trial set for February 27, 1956)

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- (3) New Haven Trial (Trial in progress)

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(b) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions

- (1) Communist Infiltration of the United Electrical Radio and Machine Workers of America
(Petition filed December 20, 1955)

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(2) Communist Infiltration of the International
Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers
(Petition Filed July 28, 1955)

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(c) Administrative Hearings Re Independent Socialist
League
(Hearing in progress)

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January 5, 1956

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. BOARDMAN
MR. BELMONT
MR. NICHOLS

EX-COMMUNISTS AS WITNESSES

In conference with the Attorney General today I discussed with him the exposure of FBI informants in security matters. I pointed out to him that the identities of 113 such informants have either been publicly disclosed or made available to the Internal Security Division of the Department for consideration of their use in some type of public procedure. I also pointed out to him there were 335 additional informants upon which the Internal Security Division had made inquiries as to their availability and background.

I told the Attorney General it was becoming increasingly a most difficult problem for the Bureau to have adequate security coverage in the field of espionage when such a large number of informants was being made available for public use.

The Attorney General informed me that Assistant Attorney General Tompkins had recently discussed with him the desirability of initiating a Smith Act case at San Francisco, California, and asked me what I thought about it. I told the Attorney General that in the first place I thought that the Department should wait until the Circuit Court of Appeals for that district has disposed of the Smith Act cases now before it. I pointed out the Circuit Court of Appeals at San Francisco was a somewhat "questionable" one and it seemed to me it was inviting unnecessary hazards to initiate another Smith Act case in that district until we knew where the Court of Appeals of that district stood on the Smith Act. The Attorney General seemed to concur in my view on this.

I also pointed out to the Attorney General there were now pending two Smith Act trials, namely, in Cleveland and in New Haven, and that I did not believe that any new cases should be initiated.

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Memorandum for Messrs. Tolson,
Boardman, Belmont, Nichols

January 5, 1956

until these two cases had been finally disposed of by the district court. I stated there would be nothing more detrimental to the over-all program against the subversive forces in this country than to have the Department set back in this program by either a directed verdict in favor of the defendants in one of these cases or an acquittal by a jury.

I told the Attorney General I was, of course, in favor of the enforcement of the Smith Act but I believed the Department should take one case at a time, and take the strongest one at that, and see it through to conclusion, and if successful then initiate another one in an area where the Department had at least a reasonable chance of obtaining a conviction.

Very truly yours,

1-1 J.E.H.

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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DATE	1-6-56
BY	J.E.H.

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cc: Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Reddy

The Attorney General

February 3, 1956

Director, FBI

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RELEASING CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS
FOR TESTIMONY IN SECURITY CASES

EX-COMMUNISTS AS WITNESSES

Reference is made to my memorandum dated January 4, 1956, attaching a chart which reflected the number of current confidential informants already exposed through testimony at various security trials and hearings as well as the categories into which additional current informants may be placed in connection with pending and proposed security trials and hearings.

There is attached hereto a chart which reflects similar information representing inquiries and requests submitted by the Internal Security Division of the Department and replied to by the Bureau through February 1, 1956.

In view of the request set forth in the memorandum of Assistant Attorney General Tompkins to Mr. John Lindsay dated December 6, 1955, which was referred to me by memorandum from Mr. Lindsay dated December 2, 1955, an enlarged chart is also attached identifying the confidential informants in the first three categories together with the specific trial in which each was or is involved. The informants in category three have been identified by name to the Departmental attorneys who interviewed them in the field.

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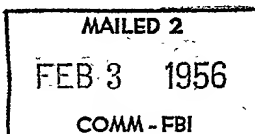
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Deputy Attorney General
(With Enclosures - 2)

2 cc - Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: January 27,
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FROM : Mr. E. J. Baumgardner

SUBJECT: DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE
ON SECURITY WITNESSES
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The minutes of the above committee dated January 12, 1956, have been received and reviewed.

The committee determined that [redacted] can be used as a Government witness provided his testimony is essential and is generally corroborated by independent sources available or not available.

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ACTION:

A copy of the above-described minutes has been prepared for inclusion in Bufile of [redacted] (100-373192).

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cc - Mr. Baumgardner
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Rose

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman

DATE: February 1,
1956

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: RELEASING CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS
FOR TESTIMONY IN SECURITY CASES

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Pursuant to the Director's instructions, a running memorandum has been initiated concerning the use of current confidential informants as witnesses in security prosecutions. This memorandum reflects the following data:

1. Current confidential informants already exposed
EX - Communists as witnesses.
2. Current confidential informants interviewed by Departmental attorneys and Department has advised they would be used as witnesses at scheduled trials and hearings.
3. Current confidential informants interviewed by Departmental attorneys but Department has not advised that they will be definitely used as witnesses.
4. Current confidential informants who have been made available for interview by Departmental attorneys.
5. Current confidential informants whose background and value have been furnished to Department for decision as to interview and possible use as witnesses.
6. Current confidential informants whose availability for possible use as witnesses has been inquired into by the Department.

Enclosures

cc - Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Baumgardner
Mr. Donohue
Mr. Reddy
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Memorandum for Mr. Boardman

Under each of the above categories, the number of informants will be broken down as to the various types of cases involved, such as Smith Act trials, Subversive Activities Control Board hearings, Labor Management Relations Act cases, et cetera.

Attached hereto is a chart reflecting the status of this matter as of February 1, 1956. It should be noted that in category 2(a), one of the informants recently died, and the Department has advised that one informant in category 3(b) and one in category 3(c) are too valuable to the Bureau to be used as witnesses. It is further noted that eight of the ten informants listed in 3(a) were designated by Department as essential witnesses at San Francisco Smith Act trial, which trial the Department has now decided to abandon for the time being.

Pursuant to the Director's instructions, a copy of the chart is also transmitted to the Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General Rogers, and Assistant Attorney General Tompkins. Since by memorandum dated December 9, 1955, John V. Lindsay, Executive Assistant to the Attorney General, forwarded a memorandum from Assistant Attorney General Tompkins dated December 6, 1955, which requested a breakdown of the first three items of the chart, an additional chart reflecting this breakdown is also attached for the Director's information and for the information of the Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General Rogers, and Assistant Attorney General Tompkins. It is noted that the copy of this enlarged chart designated for the Director contains the names of the informants in all three categories, whereas the enlarged chart designated for the Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General Rogers, and Assistant Attorney General Tompkins utilizes the informants' symbol numbers rather than their names in category 3. The true names of these informants are, however, known to the Departmental attorneys who interviewed them in the field.

ACTION:

A memorandum to the Attorney General, copies to Deputy Attorney General Rogers, and Assistant Attorney General Tompkins, is attached hereto transmitting the two charts reflecting the status of this matter as of February 1, 1956.

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RELEASING CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS
FOR TESTIMONY IN SECURITY CASES

<u>1.</u>	<u>CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS EXPOSED AS WITNESSES:</u>	43
(a)	Smith Act Trials	37
(b)	Subversive Activities Control Board (SACB) Hearings Re Front Organizations.	3
(c)	Labor Management Relations Act Cases	2
(d)	Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico Trials.	1
<u>2.</u>	<u>CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS AND DEPARTMENT HAS ADVISED THEY WOULD BE USED AS WITNESSES AT SCHEDULED TRIALS AND HEARINGS:</u>	17
(a)	Smith Act Trials	6
(b)	SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations	2
(c)	SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions.	8
(d)	Administrative Hearings Re Independent Socialist League.	1
<u>3.</u>	<u>CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS BUT DEPARTMENT HAS NOT ADVISED THAT THEY WILL BE DEFINITELY USED AS WITNESSES:</u>	18
(a)	Smith Act Trials	10
(b)	SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions.	6
(c)	Administrative Hearings Re Independent Socialist League.	2
<u>4.</u>	<u>CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS WHO HAVE BEEN MADE AVAIL- ABLE FOR INTERVIEW BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS:</u>	13
(a)	Smith Act Trials	4
(b)	Labor Management Relations Act Cases	1
(c)	SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations	6
(d)	SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions.	2
<u>5.</u>	<u>CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS WHOSE BACKGROUND AND VALUE HAVE BEEN FURNISHED TO DEPARTMENT FOR DECISION AS TO INTER- VIEW AND POSSIBLE USE AS WITNESSES:</u>	23
(a)	Smith Act Trials	15
(b)	SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations	3
(c)	Labor Management Relations Act Cases	2
(d)	SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions.	3
<u>6.</u>	<u>CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS WHOSE AVAILABILITY FOR POSSIBLE USE AS WITNESSES HAS BEEN INQUIRED INTO BY THE DEPARTMENT:</u>	353
(a)	Smith Act Trials	64
(b)	SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations	226
(c)	Administrative Hearings Re Independent Socialist League.	1
(d)	SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions.	35
(e)	Fraud Against the Government Cases	9
(f)	Labor Management Relations Act Cases	16
(g)	Denaturalization Cases	2

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Identities Given 91
Inquiries Pending 376
Total 467

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RELEASING CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS
FOR TESTIMONY IN SECURITY CASES

1. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS EXPOSED AS WITNESSES

43

(a) Smith Act Trials

(1) First New York Trial (Ended October 14, 1949) 6

(2) Baltimore Trial (Ended April 1, 1952) 1

(3) Los Angeles Trial (Ended August 5, 1952) 4

(4) Pittsburgh Trial (Ended August 20, 1953) 3

(5) Seattle Trial (Ended October 10, 1953) 4

(6) Philadelphia Trial (Ended August 13, 1954) 2

(7) St. Louis Trial (Ended May 28, 1954) 3

(8) Detroit Trial (Ended February 17, 1954) 3

*Did not testify. Exposed through testimony of husband,

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- (9) Claude Lightfoot Membership Trial 2
(Ended January 26, 1955)

[REDACTED]

- (10) Junius Scales Membership Trial 1
(Ended April 21, 1955)

[REDACTED]

- (11) Denver Trial (Ended May 25, 1955) 4

[REDACTED]

- (12) Cleveland Trial (In progress) 2

[REDACTED]

- (13) New Haven Trial (In progress) 2

[REDACTED]

(b) Subversive Activities Control Board (SACB) Hearings
Re Front Organizations

- (1) National Council of American-Soviet Friendship 1
(Hearing ended December 6, 1954)

[REDACTED]

- (2) Labor Youth League (Hearing ended April 28, 1954) 1

[REDACTED]

- (3) Civil Rights Congress (Hearing ended July 5, 1955) 1

[REDACTED]

(c) Labor Management Relations Act Cases

- (1) Everett Melvin Hupman Case 2
(Trial ended January 15, 1954)

[REDACTED]

* Did not testify. Exposed through testimony of husband, [REDACTED]

- (d) Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico Trial 1
(Trial ended October 12, 1954)

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17

(a) Smith Act Trials

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[REDACTED]

(Deceased subsequent to listing as witness)

- (2) San Juan Trial (No date set for trial) 3

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- (3) John Noto Membership Trial 2
(Trial set for March 15, 1956)

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- (1) Communist Infiltration of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America 6
(Petition filed December 20, 1955)

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- (2) Communist Infiltration of the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers 2
(Petition filed 7/28/55)

[REDACTED]

- (d) Administrative Hearing Re Independent Socialist League 1
(Hearing in progress)

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- (3) New Haven Trial (Trial in progress) 1

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(Petition filed December 20, 1955)

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- (c) Administrative Hearings Re Independent Socialist League 2
(Hearing in progress)

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cc: Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Dooley

The Attorney General

March 2, 1956

Director, FBI

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RELASING CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS
FOR TESTIMONY IN SECURITY CASES

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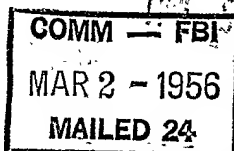
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TO : L. V. Boardman

DATE: February 29, 1956

FROM : A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT:

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The minutes of the above committee dated February 20, 1956, have been received and reviewed.

The committee cleared [] for use as a Government witness.

[] (Former [] was utilized as a paid informant by the Bureau to []

[] He appeared as a witness against State Assemblyman Vernon Kilpatrick in Los Angeles, California, on April 23, 1953, and testified he had observed Kilpatrick in attendance at Communist Party meetings. The Immigration and Naturalization Service furnished background information by letters dated December 29, 1950; March 20, 1951; June 20, 1952; and August 20, 1952. Bureau letter December 29, 1950, advised the Immigration and Naturalization Service the Bureau had no objection to their utilizing his services as a witness or informant.

ACTION:

Copy of the above-described minutes has been prepared for inclusion in Bureau file of [] (100-392335).

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cc - Bufile 100-392335 (W/Enclosure) []

cc - Boardman
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

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Re Los Angeles let to Bureau 2/27/56, captioned as above.

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was able to furnish this office with considerable CP information in connection with the HARRY BRIDGES case. The files of this office contain no information re since 1940.

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March 14, 1956

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EX-COMMUNISTS AS WITNESSES

Reurlet February 27, 1956, and San Francisco letter
March 2, 1956, captioned "Communist Party Witnesses - U. S.
Attorney" and reBulet March 7, 1956, captioned as above.

Bureau files have been reviewed concerning
[redacted] also known as [redacted]

and [redacted] The following information was located:

1. [redacted] also known as [redacted]

Your attention is directed to Los Angeles
letters to the Bureau dated September 10, 1947, and
April 19, 1948, captioned [redacted] also known
as [redacted] CNDI [redacted]
[redacted] also known as [redacted] CNDI
[redacted] Confidential Informants, Los Angeles."
(Los Angeles file references 66-120 B-3235 and
66-120 B-3236)

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You are instructed to summarize in memorandum
form all pertinent information contained in the above
letters and transmit copies to USA, Los Angeles, and to
the Bureau for transmittal to the Department.

2. [redacted]

Your attention is directed to the following
letters and reports concerning [redacted] all of which are
available in the files of your office.

a. Los Angeles letter to the Bureau,
copies to New York, dated April 15, 1949, captioned
[redacted] also known as, Confidential Informant."
(Los Angeles file 66-575)

b. New York letter to the Bureau, copies
to Los Angeles dated April 25, 1949, captioned [redacted]
[redacted] also known as, Confidential Informant."

cc - San Francisco
cc - New York
cc - Bufiles 100-387129 [redacted]
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c. Los Angeles letter to Bureau, copies to New York, dated August 30, 1949, captioned "Communist Party, USA - Brief; Internal Security - C."

d. Report of Special Agent Robert S. Ives dated February 8, 1954, at New York entitled [redacted] with aliases, Security Matter - C." [redacted]

e. Los Angeles letter to the Bureau dated April 8, 1954, captioned [redacted] with aliases, Security Matter - C." [redacted]

f. Report of Special Agent Donald V. Gibbs dated June 30, 1954, at Los Angeles captioned [redacted] with aliases, Security Matter - C." [redacted]

For your further information, [redacted] was the subject of an inquiry by the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) on October 1, 1953. INS indicated at that time that [redacted] was being considered by that Service for use as a possible witness for informant.

You are instructed to summarize in memorandum form all pertinent information contained in the above letters and reports and transmit copies to USA, Los Angeles and to the Bureau for transmittal to the Department.

3. [redacted]

By letter dated January 15, 1952, the Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI) furnished the following information regarding [redacted]

"Subject is attached to the Armed Guard crew aboard the SS KIT CARSON. It was reported that Subject was a close associate on board of [redacted] well-known Communist who was formerly barred from U. S. merchant vessels and later reinstated. Subject, before departure on last voyage of SS KIT CARSON, was questioned concerning his Communist connections and is believed wanted in San Francisco for a trial involving members of the CP. His conduct on the most recent voyage has been excellent according to the Armed Guard officer. LIND files reveal that [redacted] registered as a Communist in 1938 but never voted."

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ONI further advised that the files of the Bureau of Naval Personnel reflected that [] was discharged from the United States Naval Reserve on August 21, 1951, for convenience of the Government. The Chief of Naval Personnel had directed that [] not be permitted to re-enlist in the United States Navy or the United States Naval Reserve.

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Referenced San Francisco letter dated March 2, 1956, contains a summary of the information concerning [] which appears in the report of former Inspector M. J. Connelly dated November 20, 1940, at San Francisco entitled "Harry Bridges, with aliases, Communist Activities, Immigration Matter."

You are instructed to summarize in memorandum form the above information and transmit copies to USA, Los Angeles and to the Bureau for transmittal to the Department.

4. []

a. Portland letter to the Bureau dated November 29, 1940, no caption, lists several individuals to be added to the confidential informant list of the Portland Office. The following information is set out concerning []

Type of Information Expected: Information relative to his activities. Service: Intermittent. No payment for expenses necessary so far as known at the present time. [] was expelled from the Communist Party about a year ago but possesses considerable information concerning members of the Communist Party in Portland at the time he was expelled and prior thereto, and is believed to be cooperative. He does not have a very good reputation, having been dropped from the rolls of the UPA recently for drunkenness and he is generally reputed to be a habitual drunkard."

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b. Report of Special Agent R. Nielsen Hinds dated September 20, 1944, entitled "[] with aliases, Selective Service" reflects that [] voluntarily surrendered to the New York Office on April 22, 1944, claiming to be wanted for failing to register under the STSA. At the time of surrender, [] told conflicting stories and was obviously under the

Letter to SAC, Los Angeles

influence of intoxicants. Investigation disclosed that [redacted] was registered with IRL, Portland, and was not delinquent.

c. Report of Special Agent Elvin L. Barton dated June 29, 1944, at Portland entitled "Howard James Bodine; Catherine [redacted] Internal Security - C," contains the following information concerning [redacted]

"Confidential Informant No. 19 advised the writer that [redacted] who was a witness in the last deportation trial of HARRY BRIDGES, had been contacted on approximately March 3, 1944, by some unknown man at which time [redacted] was asked if he would consider repudiating the testimony that he gave in favor of the government at the last HARRY BRIDGES' trial. Subsequently on May 5, 1944, informant, whose reliability is unknown, further advised that HOWARD BODINE allegedly called [redacted] on the telephone. HOWARD BODINE was alleged to have stated that it would blow up the government's case if [redacted] would deny his testimony. BODINE was further alleged to have stated to [redacted] "Why don't you make yourself right with the labor element?" It was further noted by informant that [redacted] was to meet IRVING GOODMAN, Communist Party lawyer, at 10:00 A. M. on March 7, 1944, in GOODMAN'S offices in the Spaulding Building. According to informant, [redacted] contacted GOODMAN by telephone and GOODMAN admitted that he had heard about this alleged meeting. According to the informant, [redacted] was not known to have ever made direct contact at any later time with HOWARD BODINE or IRVING GOODMAN. Confidential Informant No. [redacted] stated that JAMES FANTZ (member of the IILU and key figure in the Communist Party) had stated to informant that HOWARD BODINE is head of the local HARRY BRIDGES defense committee such as it is today."

d. By letter dated November 30, 1954, captioned "Cominfil IILU, Internal Security - C," the Portland Office advised that [redacted] joined the Communist Party at Portland during the Fall of 1936 or 1937 and was expelled in 1939. Portland advised that [redacted] had been used by IIS as a witness on several occasions and "is reputed to make an excellent witness." His address at that time was listed as [redacted]

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For your further information, [] was the subject of an inquiry by INS on March 1, 1954. INS indicated that [] was being considered by that Service for use as a possible witness or informant.

You are instructed to summarize in memorandum form the information set out above and to transmit copies to USA, Los Angeles, and to the Bureau for transmittal to the Department.

5. []

The Bureau's files contain no information identifiable with [] and it is noted that referenced San Francisco letter March 2, 1956, indicates the indices of that office were also negative as to []. You should so advise USA, Los Angeles, in your letter transmitting data on the remaining potential witnesses, and you should suggest that if any additional identifying data is available concerning [] it should be furnished to your office in order that an additional check may be made.

The information set out in this letter concerning the various potential witnesses may not be complete and you should, of course, include in your summary memoranda any additional information contained in your files or submitted by the various offices which received copies of your referenced letter.

You are instructed to afford this matter expeditious attention.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman *3-2-56*

DATE: March 1, 1956

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT:

RELEASING CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS
FOR TESTIMONY IN SECURITY CASESEX-Communist Witnesses

Pursuant to the Director's instructions, a running memorandum has been initiated concerning the use of current confidential informants as witnesses in security prosecutions. This memorandum reflects the following data:

1. Current confidential informants already exposed as witnesses.
2. Current confidential informants interviewed by Departmental attorneys and Department has advised they would be used as witnesses at scheduled trials and hearings.
3. Current confidential informants interviewed by Departmental attorneys but Department has not advised that they will be definitely used as witnesses.
4. Current confidential informants who have been made available for interview by Departmental attorneys.
5. Current confidential informants whose background and value have been furnished to Department for decision as to interview and possible use as witnesses.
6. Current confidential informants whose availability for possible use as witnesses has been inquired into by the Department.

Enclosures *per 3-2-56*

cc - Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Baumgardner
Mr. Donohue
Mr. Dooley

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Memorandum for Mr. Boardman

Under each of the above categories, the number of informants will be broken down as to the various types of cases involved, such as Smith Act trials, Subversive Activities Control Board hearings, Labor Management Relations Act cases, et cetera.

Attached hereto is a chart reflecting the status of this matter as of March 1, 1956. It should be noted that in category 2(a), one of the informants recently died, and the Department has advised that one informant in category 3(b) and one in category 3(c) are too valuable to the Bureau to be used as witnesses. It is further noted that eight of the 12 informants listed in 3(a) were designated by Department as essential witnesses at San Francisco Smith Act trial, which trial the Department has now decided to abandon for the time being.

Pursuant to the Director's instructions, a copy of the chart is also transmitted to the Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General Rogers, and Assistant Attorney General Tompkins. Since by memorandum dated December 9, 1955, John V. Lindsay, Executive Assistant to the Attorney General, forwarded a memorandum from Assistant Attorney General Tompkins dated December 6, 1955, which requested a breakdown of the first three items of the chart, an additional chart reflecting this breakdown is also attached for the Director's information and for the information of the Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General Rogers, and Assistant Attorney General Tompkins. It is noted that the copy of this enlarged chart designated for the Director contains the names of the informants in all three categories, whereas the enlarged chart designated for the Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General Rogers, and Assistant Attorney General Tompkins utilizes the informants' symbol numbers rather than their names in category 3. The true names of these informants are, however, known to the Departmental attorneys who interviewed them in the field.

ACTION:

A memorandum to the Attorney General, copies to Deputy Attorney General Rogers, and Assistant Attorney General Tompkins, is attached hereto transmitting the two charts reflecting the status of this matter as of March 1, 1956.

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RELEASING CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS
FOR TESTIMONY IN SECURITY CASES

Figures apply as of March 1, 1956

1. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS EXPOSED AS WITNESSES

44

(a) Smith Act Trials

(1) First New York Trial (Ended October 14, 1949) 6

(2) Baltimore Trial (Ended April 1, 1952) 1

(3) Los Angeles Trial (Ended August 5, 1952) 4

(4) Pittsburgh Trial (Ended August 20, 1953) 3

(5) Seattle Trial (Ended October 10, 1953) 4

(6) Philadelphia Trial (Ended August 13, 1954) 2

(7) St. Louis Trial (Ended May 28, 1954) 3

(8) Detroit Trial (Ended February 17, 1954) 3

*Did not testify. Exposed through testimony of husband,

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- (9) Claude Lightfoot Membership Trial 2
(Ended January 26, 1955)
[REDACTED]
- (10) Junius Scales Membership Trial 1
(Ended April 21, 1955)
[REDACTED]
- (11) Denver Trial (Ended May 25, 1955) 4
[REDACTED]
- (12) Cleveland Trial (Ended February 10, 1956) 2
[REDACTED]
- (13) New Haven Trial (In progress) 2
[REDACTED]
- (14) Albert Blumberg Membership Trial 1
(In progress)
[REDACTED]
- (b) Subversive Activities Control Board (SACB) Hearings
Re Front Organizations
- (1) National Council of American-Soviet Friendship 1
(Hearing ended December 6, 1954)
[REDACTED]
- (2) Labor Youth League (Hearing ended April 28, 1954) 1
[REDACTED]
- (3) Civil Rights Congress (Hearing ended July 5, 1955) 1
[REDACTED]

*Did not testify. Exposed through testimony of husband,
[REDACTED]

(c) Labor Management Relations Act Cases

- (1) Everett Melvin Hupman Case 2
(Trial ended January 15, 1954)

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- (d) Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico Trial 1
(Trial ended October 12, 1954)

[REDACTED]

2. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS AND DEPARTMENT HAS ADVISED THEY WOULD BE USED AS WITNESSES AT SCHEDULED TRIALS AND HEARINGS:

17

(a) Smith Act Trials

- (1) Cleveland Trial (Ended February 10, 1956) 1

[REDACTED]

(Deceased subsequent to listing as witness)

- (2) San Juan Trial (No date set for trial) 3

[REDACTED]

- (3) John Noto Membership Trial 2
(Trial set for March 27, 1956)

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(b) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations

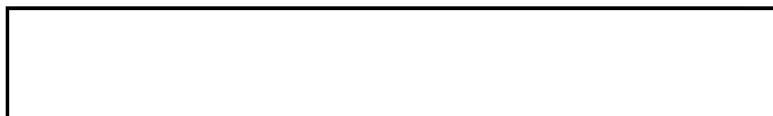
- (1) Council on African Affairs 2
(Petition dismissed without prejudice to Government September 15, 1955)

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(c) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions

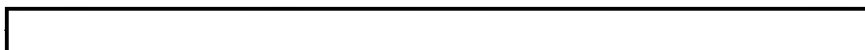
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(Petition filed December 20, 1955)

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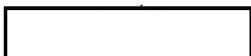


- (2) Communist Infiltration of the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers
(Petition filed July 28, 1955)

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- (d) Administrative Hearing Re Independent Socialist League 1
(Hearing in progress)



3. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS BUT DEPARTMENT HAS NOT ADVISED THAT THEY WILL BE DEFINITELY USED AS WITNESSES:

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(a) Smith Act Trials

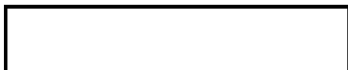
- (1) San Francisco Trial (Prosecution not authorized to date)

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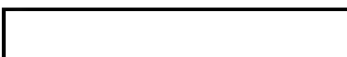
- (2) Third New York Trial (Trial set for April 9, 1956)

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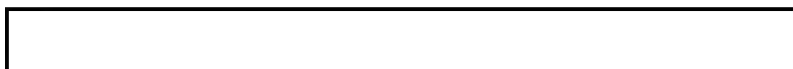
- (3) New Haven Trial (Trial in progress)

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- (4) John Noto Membership Trial
(Trial set for March 27, 1956)

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(b) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions

- (1) Communist Infiltration of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America 6
(Petition filed December 20, 1955)



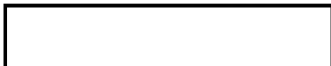
- (c) Administrative Hearings Re Independent Socialist League 2
(Hearing in progress)



- (d) Labor Management Relations Act Cases 1

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Reurlet March 2, 1956, captioned "U. S. Attorney Communist Party Witnesses," advising of the receipt of a request from U. S. Attorney, Los Angeles, for "central indices checks" on [redacted] and [redacted] who are under consideration as Government witnesses at the forthcoming civil actions to set aside the citizenship of [redacted]

Your attention is again directed to SAC Letter 55-40 dated June 21, 1955, captioned "Government Witnesses Security Matters." The provisions of this SAC Letter were brought to your attention in Bureau Letter dated March 7, 1956, captioned as above. SAC Letter 55-40 sets out instructions for the field following receipt of a request from a U. S. Attorney for a "central indices check" on potential Government witnesses whom the U. S. Attorney knows or has reason to believe were formerly Communist Party members. The provisions of this SAC Letter should be closely followed in the future by your office.

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With reference to [redacted] Bureau files reflect that [redacted] was the subject of a security investigation initiated by the Cleveland Office in 1944. (Cleveland File 100-1376 and Bureau file 100-328077) [redacted] was interviewed by INS representatives on September 8, 1950, and furnished a signed statement admitting Communist Party membership from October 1930 to February 1938. He indicated a willingness to testify for the Government.

Cleveland Police Department records reflect the following arrests for [redacted]

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Enclosure

2cc - Cleveland

cc - Bufile 100-328077
61-7663

- Arrested on a warrant.
Charge - conversion.
Arraigned April 26, 1950, and
released on \$100 bond. Case
later dismissed.

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Letter to SAC, Los Angeles

[redacted] - Arrested on gambling charge
and released.

[redacted] was interviewed by Special Agents of the Cleveland Office on May 3, 1952. A copy of Cleveland letter to the Bureau dated May 8, 1952, reflecting the results of this interview is enclosed.

By letter dated June 27, 1955, the Detroit Office advised that INS, Detroit, had made available a copy of a letter from INS, Cleveland, which stated in part that [redacted] "last appeared as a witness in a deportation hearing on March 16, 1955, at which time he testified that he had never written checks with no funds to his account. The attorney for the alien produced two such checks and it appears [redacted] testified falsely in this regard. [redacted] also testified that he was unaware of the relationship between the alien and the alien's daughter but had previously testified under oath for an officer of this service that he was aware of this relationship. During the time he was testifying in the hearing he was uncooperative, showed indignation toward the alien's counsel and upon several occasions refused to answer questions regarding his personal affairs even though directed to do so by the special inquiry officer."

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Cleveland should furnish Los Angeles any additional pertinent data concerning [redacted] following which Los Angeles should prepare a summary memorandum and transmit copies to the U. S. Attorney, Los Angeles, and to the Bureau for transmittal to the Department.

With reference to [redacted], this individual is the subject of a security investigation being conducted by the Cleveland Office and is included in the Security Index. (Cleveland file 100-36; Bureau file 61-7663)

By letter dated January 31, 1956, the Cleveland Office submitted to the Bureau a summary memorandum concerning [redacted] for transmittal to ONI in view of the enlistment in the U. S. Marine Corps of [redacted]. [redacted] Cleveland should furnish Los Angeles a copy of this memorandum.

Letter to SAC, Los Angeles

The Bureau files further disclose that by letter dated May 6, 1955, INS, Cleveland, advised the Cleveland Office that [redacted] had been classified by INS as being unreliable as a confidential informant and witness because [redacted] stated that he would not appear voluntarily to testify regarding the membership of persons known to him who have been members of the Communist Party. INS advised that [redacted] further stated he would testify only in connection with persons known to him as "Stalinists."

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Upon receipt of the January 31, 1956, memorandum from the Cleveland Office, together with any other pertinent information appearing in the files of the Cleveland Office, Los Angeles should prepare a summary memorandum for transmittal to the U. S. Attorney, Los Angeles, and to the Bureau. The Bureau will transmit a copy of this memorandum to the Department.

This matter should be afforded expeditious handling by the Cleveland and Los Angeles Offices.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 3/2/56

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-53645)

SUBJECT: U. S. ATTORNEY -
COMMUNIST PARTY WITNESSESALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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By letter dated 2/29/56, the USA's office at Los Angeles advised that civil actions are pending in this district to revoke and set aside the citizenship of [redacted] (U. S. v. [redacted] No. 16852-HW), as well as [redacted] (U. S. v. [redacted] etc., No. 17392-HW) and to cancel their certificates of naturalization.

The letter states that at the trial the USA contemplates using as witnesses [redacted] and [redacted] who were, the letter states, former members of the Communist Party of the United States.

The USA's letter refers to a circular letter received from the Department dated 5/20/55 and requests a "central indices check" on [redacted] and [redacted]. The USA further requests this indices check be expedited since the use of these witnesses is contemplated by 4/1/56, and it must be immediately ascertained what witnesses will be used.

The USA advises that it is not definitely known where [redacted] and [redacted] are, but indicates they may be in the vicinity of Cleveland, Ohio, and may be available through the Cleveland Office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Los Angeles indices reflect no record on [redacted] [redacted] may be identical with [redacted] was., subject of report of SA C. L. JOHNSON, 11/3/41, at Cleveland, their file 100-36, LA file 100-7925, Bufile not known.

The Bureau is requested to advise offices familiar with [redacted] and [redacted] concerning the request of the USA's office and then to advise the Los Angeles Office what information concerning these two individuals may be furnished the USA's office.

- 2 - Bureau (REGISTERED)
3 - Cleveland (REGISTERED)
4 - Los Angeles (1 - 100-23184) [redacted]
(1 - 100-23212) [redacted]
(1-100-7925) [redacted]

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THE RED CURTAIN

Importance of Informers

BY LEON RACHT

Some of our left-wingers, super-liberals, fellow-travelers and, of course, the Communist party, have been putting on an all-out campaign against the use of confidential informers in the field of national security.



J. EDGAR HOOVER

What they eventually hope to do is to induce our lawmakers or the courts to make the use of the "faceless" witness tougher than it is now, or outlaw the practice altogether. Amazingly enough, criticism of the use of unidentified informers has even come from members of Congress.

Now support for employment of the secret informant has come from a powerful quarter, the American Bar Association's special committee on Communist tactics, strategy and objectives.

Dangerous Gamble

Noting that there has been a marked movement against the use of such undisclosed information and compelling disclosure of source and confrontation, the committee, in its February report writes:

"It is the view of this committee that, while the necessity for such use of undisclosed information should be carefully guarded against and avoided wherever possible, nevertheless, in the ultimate determination, the national security must prevail.

"The individual rights must be respected and preserved to the extent consistent with national security. However, one who, by his own conduct, has created a doubt as to his loyalty to this country should not expect the nation . . . to gamble national

security on his continued status or on a confidence in him which does not exist."

The committee went on the repeat what it said in its Supreme Court brief opposing the Communist party's attempt to outlaw the Internal Security Act of 1950:

"There can be no individual rights or freedoms without national security."

This, then, is the opinion of some of the most distinguished men in U. S. jurisprudence. The committee is comprised of former Sen. Herbert R. O'Connor, chairman; Julius Applebaum, James Madison Blackwell, William N. Bonner, Tracy E. Griffin, Egbert L. Haywood, Clarence Manion, Ray Murphy, Paul W. Updegraff and Robert W. Upton.

FBI Chief's Report

And here are the words of FBI Chief J. Edgar Hoover in his annual report:

"Throughout 1955 confidential informants have brought us vital intelligence data from the core of subversive conspiracies, including the Communist underground. Their services have proved invaluable to the national security . . . The very nature of security work requires discreet silence concerning much of the intelligence and counter-intelligence information which has been gathered . . ."

There isn't a cop in the country who'll admit he could dispense with secret informers, who are as old as the law itself. And, in affirming the convictions of the Communist leaders, Judge Learned Hand said that the "courts have countenanced the use of informers from time immemorial."

The do-gooders, the bleeding hearts and the Communists have never raised a fuss about using informers in crimes such as murder, robberies, kidnappings or drug peddling.

Is there a greater crime than treason?

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Mr. Nichols
Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Mohr
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Don't fail to read & index these quality informers.

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TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: March 20, 1956

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

SUBJECT: DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE
ON SECURITY WITNESSES
Bufile 100-418105*Ex Communist As Witnesses*

The minutes of the above committee dated March 13, 1956, have been received and reviewed.

Following a review of derogatory information regarding [redacted] and [redacted] the committee cleared their use as witnesses.

ACTION:

Copies of the above-described minutes have been prepared for inclusion in Bufiles of [redacted] (100-383366) and [redacted] (100-387849).

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cc - Bufile 100-387849 (W/Enclosure) ([redacted])cc - Mr. Belmont
Mr. Baumgardner
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 2/2

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-New)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY WITNESSES -
U. S. ATTORNEY

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Boardman	
Mr. Belmont	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Parsons	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tamm	
Mr. Nease	
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EX Communist As Witness INDEXED

The U. S. Attorney's Office, Los Angeles, received a letter dated 5/20/55 from the Department of Justice which is in the nature of a form letter signed by WILLIAM P. ROGERS, Deputy Attorney General. It would appear this letter went to the various U. S. Attorneys throughout the United States. Two photostatic copies of this letter are enclosed herewith for the Bureau, and photostatic copies have been retained in the Los Angeles Office for possible future reference.

This letter states that when the U. S. Attorney knows or has reason to believe that a former member of the CP is to testify as a witness for the Government the trial attorney shall first obtain through the local field office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation a "central indices check on such witness". He should also request the local office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service to furnish him with any material which the Service may have relating to the witness. In the event he obtains derogatory information sufficient to question the witness' reliability, he should forward this information to the Department with his recommendation as to the use of the witness. In such a case the witness shall not be called to the stand without prior authority from the Department.

Los Angeles during the past several weeks has received letters from the Los Angeles U. S. Attorney's Office requesting such a "central indices check" in connection with the cases entitled U.S. v. [redacted] Civil No. 15907-WM; U.S. v. [redacted] Civil No. 15446-HW; [redacted] Possible Revocation Proceedings.

ENCLOSURE

- 2 - Bureau (Enc. 2) (REGISTERED)
5 - New York (MAURICE MALKIN) (REGISTERED)

- 1 - Detroit [redacted] (REGISTERED)
2 - San Francisco [redacted] (REGISTERED)
7 - Los Angeles (100-New) [redacted]

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With regard to the [redacted] cases, the following individuals were listed:

~~/~~ MAURICE MALKIN, 2345 Ocean Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

~~/~~ [redacted] NAME

[redacted] also known as [redacted]

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In connection with the [redacted] case, the following individuals were listed:

~~/~~ The letters from the U. S. Attorney's Office request advice as to whether derogatory information exists sufficient to question the witnesses' reliability. If there is any reason why use of the above witnesses will not be "satisfactory" or they will not be "reliable", the U. S. Attorney's Office should be so advised.

It would appear that each office who has handled the above individual in the past would be in the best position to know whether the individual has any background which would make it undesirable to use him as a witness. However in view of the wording of the departmental letter, it would appear that each time a witness is to be used a "central indices check", i.e. contact with the Bureau, is necessary. Advice from the Bureau would be appreciated as to whether it is necessary that, prior to giving this information to the U. S. Attorney, Bureau clearance is needed or is it sufficient to have the various offices advise the Los Angeles Office directly with the information which may be furnished the local U. S. Attorney?

LOS ANGELES

Pending advice from the Bureau and in order to expedite handling of the U. S. Attorney's request, offices receiving copies of this letter are requested to promptly furnish the Bureau and L.A. a brief summary of the background of the individuals listed in their territory. L.A. will furnish the Bureau a brief summary of the information which will be furnished the U. S. Attorney's Office when advice is received from the Bureau authorizing such dissemination on the following individuals: [redacted] and [redacted]

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March 7, 1956

Director, FBI (100-418105)

PERSONAL ATTENTION

EX-COMMUNISTS AS WITNESSES

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Reurlet dated February 27, 1956, captioned
"Communist Party Witnesses - U. S. Attorney."

Your attention is directed to Section J, SAC Letter 55-40 dated June 21, 1955, captioned "Government Witnesses - Security Matters" which advised all offices of the forwarding to United States Attorneys (USA's) of the May 20, 1955, letter from Deputy Attorney General Rogers concerning action to be taken by the various USA's relative to the use of ex-Communists as Government witnesses. SAC Letter 55-40 clearly outlined action to be taken by a field office upon receipt of a request from a USA for a "central indices check" concerning an ex-Communist scheduled to testify for the Government in non-Bureau as well as Bureau cases.

SAC Letter 55-40 instructed that such requests from USA's must be expeditiously handled and the Bureau promptly furnished sufficient identifying data to enable a search to be made of Bureau files. SAC Letter 55-40 advised that pertinent information located in the Bureau's files would be furnished to the field office for transmittal to the USA and would also be furnished by the Bureau to the interested division of the Department. A careful search of your files would have disclosed the above instructions which clearly answer the questions proposed in your letter dated February 27, 1956. You should, in the future, assure that the personnel assigned to your office are aware of existing Bureau instructions.

With reference to the 11 potential witnesses listed in relet, you are advised that the Departmental Committee on Security Witnesses, which was established to consider whether clearance should be granted to use ex-Communists as Government witnesses, has already considered the cases of Maurice Malkin.

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Boardman _____ and _____ were granted "restricted
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Belmont _____ by this committee. They are further advised that _____ is
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Letter to SAC, Los Angeles

currently acting as a consultant to the Department of Justice. You are instructed to furnish the above information to USA Waters, Los Angeles, and to suggest to him that his request for clearance to use the above six ex-Communists as witnesses be directed to the Internal Security Division of the Department.

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With reference to [redacted]

and

[redacted] a review is being made of the Bureau's files concerning these potential witnesses and any factors which might affect their credibility as witnesses will be forwarded to your office for transmittal to USA Waters, along with any additional derogatory information contained in your files or in the files of the various field offices which received copies of referenced letter.

The Bureau is advising the Assistant Attorney General, Internal Security Division, of the request of USA Waters and of the action being taken by the Bureau.

Belmont
Reddy

Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins

March 7, 1956

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EX-COMMUNISTS AS WITNESSES
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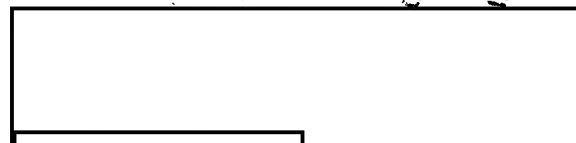
Reference is made to Deputy Attorney General Rogers' letter to all United States Attorneys dated May 20, 1955, copies of which were furnished to the Bureau.

This letter pointed out that in cases in which the trial attorney knows or has reason to believe that a potential Government witness was formerly a member of the Communist Party, the trial attorney shall first obtain, through the local field office of the FBI, a central indices check on such a witness. Mr. Rogers' letter contains additional instructions to the various United States Attorneys which do not necessitate any action by this Bureau.

Our Los Angeles Office has advised of the receipt of a request from United States Attorney Laughlin E. Waters, Los Angeles, for a central indices check concerning eleven potential witnesses in three civil cases scheduled for trial in Los Angeles. These cases are: United States vs. Peter Chaunt, Civil Number 15907-WM; United States vs. Rose Kunitz, Civil Number 15446-HW; and Joseph Ring - possible revocation proceedings.

The potential witnesses involved in the three cases are:

Maurice Malkin



Our Los Angeles Office has been instructed to advise United States Attorney Waters that the files of this Bureau reflect that the cases of Malkin and [redacted] have been considered by [redacted].

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Memorandum for Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins

the Departmental Committee on Security Witnesses and that Malkin, [redacted] were granted "restricted clearance" by this committee and [redacted] and [redacted] were granted full clearance. United States Attorney Waters will be further advised that John Lautner is currently acting as consultant to the Department. Our Los Angeles Office has been instructed to suggest to United States Attorney Waters that he may desire to contact the Department directly for a decision as to the use of the above six individuals as Government witnesses in connection with the above-listed trials.

The Bureau is conducting a file check relative to [redacted] and any information which might affect the credibility of these individuals as witnesses will be furnished to the Department and to our Los Angeles Office for transmittal to United States Attorney Waters.

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Mr. Boardman	_____
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Laughlin E. Waters, Esq.
United States Attorney
Los Angeles, California

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Dear Mr. Waters:

By memorandum of March 7, 1956, the Director, FBI, has advised that the Los Angeles Office of the Bureau has received a request from you for a central indices check concerning eleven potential witnesses in the Chaunt, Russian and Ring cases.

Mr. Hoover's memorandum to me states that the Departmental Committee on Security Witnesses has given full clearance to Louis Rosser. Since the time that the full clearance was given to Rosser, there has been a series of incidents resulting from his appearance as a witness in the New Haven Smith Act case which is still pending. In view of these incidents it will be necessary before Rosser is again used as a witness to refer the matter to the Departmental Committee on Security Witnesses and you should, therefore, again consult with the Department prior to using Rosser.

The FBI has stated that you are being advised that John Lautner is currently acting as consultant to the Department. I should like to clarify this situation inasmuch as Lautner is not retained by this Department in the capacity of consultant. He is used as an expert witness and, as such, is frequently in consultation with the Department. In any proceeding he should be correctly referred to as an expert witness and not as a consultant. Since John Lautner and William Wallace, who has not yet been used in any government proceeding as a witness, will be required to testify in a number of cases in the next few months, it is requested that you advise me when you may need their services.

In connection with the use of witnesses who may have been former members of the Communist Party, your attention is also directed to the letter to all United States Attorneys from the Deputy Attorney General on this subject under date of May 20, 1955.

cc: Mr. Noto, INS, Ch'm, Dept'l. Witness Committee
Mr. Rufus McLean, Criminal Div.
Mr. Koffsky, Int. Sec. Div.
Mr. Olney, Criminal Division
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memo. on subj. matter, except fbi.)

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WILLIAM F. FOLWELL
Associate Attorney General

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-418105)
 FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-81752) (Sub 24)
 SUBJECT: EX COMMUNISTS AS WITNESSES

DATE: 3/21/56

G.I.R.

Re Los Angeles letter, 2/27/56, to Bureau with cc to New York, and Bureau letter to Los Angeles, 3/7/56, with cc to New York.

By referenced Bureau letter, the New York Office was advised to furnish Los Angeles any information on [redacted] which might affect his credibility as a witness as well as any other derogatory information.

A review of the New York Office file reflects that in the report of SA ROBERT J. QUIGLEY dated 6/9/55 at New York (NY 116-100865) in the case entitled "RALPH LEONARD COLLETT - WAS - 70637; AEA; FRAUD AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT" reflects the following:

On 1/22/44 [redacted] appeared at the NYO and voluntarily surrendered, stating he was wanted by the FBI because he had failed to register for the draft. At the time of surrender [redacted] failed to have in his possession a registration or classification card. He appeared highly excited and there was a pronounced odor of intoxicants on his breath.

[redacted] stated he was born in [redacted]
 He later stated he was born in [redacted]
 on [redacted]

A complaint was filed charging him with a violation of the Selective Service and Training Act of 1940, in that he failed to possess evidence of registration.

- 2 - Bureau (100-418105) (RM)
- 2 - Los Angeles (RM)
- 2 - New Haven (RM)
- 1 - New York (25-39366) [redacted]
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March 22 1956

Laughlin E. Waters, Esquire
United States Attorney
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Waters:

Reference is made to my letter dated
March 15, 1956, concerning the request from
you for a central indices check of eleven
potential witnesses in the [redacted]
[redacted] case. Since that letter mentioned the
Departmental Committee on Security Witnesses,
I would appreciate it if you would label that
letter for "official use only."

Sincerely,

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WILLIAM P. TOMPKINS
Assistant Attorney General
Internal Security Division

cc: Mr. Noto, INS, Ch'm, Dept'al. Witness Committee
Mr. Rufus McLean, Criminal Div.
Mr. Koffsky, Int. Sec. Div.
Mr. Olney, Criminal Division
Mr. Foley, Int. Sec. Div.

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and classification. He was arraigned on 4/22/44 and remanded to the custody of the US Marshal for the Southern District of New York.

On 4/25/44 the Portland Field Division furnished the information that they had contacted Local Board No. 4, Portland, Oregon, and obtained information that [redacted] was registered with that board, classified 1A-H, and was not delinquent. The complaint was dismissed by the USA for the Southern District of New York on 4/27/44.

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On 4/21/44 the NYO received a call from one [redacted]

[redacted] He stated that he was calling from a bar and had testified for the government in the HARRY BRIDGES case. He was believed to be under the influence of intoxicants when he made the call.

On 4/18/51 the NYO received a call from one [redacted] who identified himself as a former member of the CP and one who had testified for the government. He stated he had been drinking and this was reflected in his conversation.

In addition to the above information furnished in the cited report, the indices further reflect that on 1/21/56 [redacted]

[redacted] telephonically contacted the NYO and gave a rambling and incoherent story concerning his CP membership and his association with HARRY BRIDGES.

By letter of 9/28/55, WILBUR T. FLAGG, District Chief of Investigation, INS, 70 Columbus Avenue, NYC, made available the following information regarding [redacted]
[redacted], aka: [redacted]

Letter to Director
NY 100-81752

"A recent review of the file maintained by this office relating to the above named confidential informant determined he was of questionable reliability. The file disclosed that this informant has a past history of drunkenness.

"The informant will not be used as a witness in any service proceeding without prior approval from our central office. However, such approval will not be required to utilize the informant as a source of information."

A review of NY file 116-100865 discloses a letter dated 6/3/55 which was sent by the Bureau (Bufile 116-377581) to the SAC, Portland (Portland file 116-16643) with a cc to NY, in the case entitled [redacted] - WA - 70637; AEAA; FAG." This Bureau letter sets forth the following information about [redacted]

Bureau files reflect [redacted] was a confidential informant of the [redacted] from [redacted] Portland letter 7/21/41, "CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS, GENERAL INTELLIGENCE WORK." reflects [redacted] was educated at [redacted]

The report of Assistant Director E. J. CONNELLEY, 12/4/40, San Francisco, entitled "HARRY BRIDGES, Communist Activities, Immigration Matter," (SF file 39-30) and report of SA JOHN A. ROLTZMAN, 3/17/48, Portland, entitled "KENNETH WILLIAM FITZGERALD, INTERNAL SECURITY - C,"

Letter to Director
NY 100-81752

reflect [redacted] was a member of the Socialist Party in Minneapolis from [redacted]. He was a charter member of the American Federation of Government Employees Union and Secretary of the organization [redacted]. He also was a member of the Federal Cultural Workers Union which was affiliated with the Workers Alliance. In [redacted] he joined the American Newspaper Guild and paid dues for two or three months to the Seattle headquarters of that organization. Also that [redacted] was recruited into the Communist Party (as [redacted] by Fitzgerald in [redacted] and was expelled therefrom on [redacted]. Information was also received reflecting from [redacted]

The above-mentioned Portland letter reflected [redacted] was arrested in San Francisco, California, on [redacted] for larceny of an automobile, which charge was dismissed. [redacted] was reported to have furnished good information in the [redacted] for the government. In 1941, he was regarded as trustworthy but not reliable as he was reputed to be a habitual drunkard and contacts with him had to be discreet. He was reported to be married and have four children. It is noted that when [redacted] was interviewed by the New York Office on 6/1/53 he stated that for health reasons he had not had a drink of intoxicating beverage for the past seven months.

The report of SA JUELL R. NESS, 8/20/53, New York, entitled "[redacted] DAPLI," (NY file 77-17058, cc Portland file 77-538) reflects [redacted] occupation in 1953 was [redacted]. The report also reflects in May, 1953, he testified at Portland in an INS hearing concerning possible deportation of [redacted].

Letter to Director
NY 100-81752

The above-mentioned report of Assistant Director CONNELLEY further reflects [] has an additional arrest record of a minor nature for drunk and fighting.

In connection with [] the subject of the afore-mentioned Bureau letter dated 6/3/55, it is noted that in the report of ROBERT J. QUIGLEY dated 10/14/53, at New York (NY file 116-100865) captioned "[] - WA - 70637: AFSA: FAG," that []

[] was interviewed by SAS of the NYO and reiterated his willingness to cooperate with the government. During this interview [] furnished information concerning [] and advised he would be willing to testify before the proper tribunal in the presence of [] and his counsel.

In connection with [] desire to testify, it is noted that in New Haven (New Haven 116-15133) airtel of 9/21/55, that office reported that on 9/20/55, [] was contacted at his residence, [] at that time advised that he was available to testify if necessary and further stated that he received a letter dated 8/25/55 from the Western Industrial Personnel Security Board, San Francisco, California. This letter requested that he testify on 9/28/55 at a hearing to be held at San Francisco on that date concerning [] [] stated he informed the Security Board by letter that he would be willing to go provided that they postpone the hearing for sixty days so that he could augment his income to cover the personal expenses which would be involved.

The information concerning the other potential witnesses as requested in the referenced Los Angeles letter was furnished to that office by Bureau letter of 3/7/56.

It is believed that the [] cited herein is identical with the former confidential informant of the Portland Office. RUC.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Reddy

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

April 2, 1956

Director, FBI

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RELEASING CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS
FOR TESTIMONY IN SECURITY CASES

EX-COMMUNISTS AS WITNESSES

Reference is made to my memorandum dated March 2, 1956, attaching a chart which reflected the number of current confidential informants already exposed through testimony at various security trials and hearings as well as the categories into which additional current informants may be placed in connection with pending and proposed security trials and hearings.

There is attached hereto a chart which reflects similar information representing inquiries and requests submitted by the Internal Security Division of the Department and replied to by the Bureau through April 1, 1956.

In view of the request set forth in the memorandum of Assistant Attorney General Tompkins to Mr. John Lindsay dated December 6, 1955, which was referred to me by memorandum from Mr. Lindsay dated December 9, 1955, an enlarged chart is also attached identifying the confidential informants in the first four categories together with the specific trial in which each was or is involved. The informants in categories three and four have been identified by name to the Departmental attorneys who interviewed them in the field. Category four has been added to the April 1, 1956, charts for clarification purposes. This category, which lists current informants interviewed by Departmental attorneys, but who for various reasons will not be used as witnesses, will be carried in future monthly memoranda.

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2 cc - Mr. William P. Rogers
Deputy Attorney General
(With Enclosures - 2)

Assistant Attorney General

William F. Tompkins
(With Enclosures - 2)

NOTE: See memo from Mr. Belmont to Mr. Boardman, 4/2/56, EBR:nbs, entitled "Releasing Current Confidential Informants for Testimony in Security Cases."

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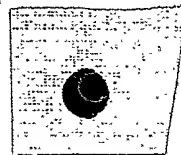
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Rebulet to LA 3/14/56, copies furnished to Cleveland, in
connection with civil action to set aside the citizenship of [redacted]
and [redacted]

Under date 3/29/56, USA, LA has requested Central Indices
check on [redacted] aka [redacted]
[redacted] reputedly a former member of the Communist Party in
the Cleveland area. USA advises INS, Cleveland possibly in possession
of pertinent information.

For information Bureau, trial date set for 4/21/56.

Indices LA contain no identifiable information re [redacted]
Cleveland and Miami refer SAC letter 55-40 (J) and advise Bureau &
LA of any known information reflecting adversely upon credibility
which has not been previously reported to Bureau.

Bu requested to furnish pertinent information re [redacted]
for transmittal to USA, LA.

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- 5-Bureau (100-189510 - [redacted] (100-189510 - [redacted] (AM) (REG)
- 3-Cleveland (100-10234 - [redacted] 100- [redacted] 100- [redacted] (AM) (REG)
- 2-Miami [redacted] (AM) (REG)
- 3-Los Angeles (100-53645) (100-23184 - [redacted] (100-23212 - [redacted])
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: April 10, 1956

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

SUBJECT: DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON
SECURITY WITNESSES
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The minutes of the above committee dated April 3, 1956, have been received and reviewed.

The committee cleared [redacted]
for use as a Government witness.

[redacted] (Former [redacted]) was utilized as a Bureau informant [redacted]. As an informant while attending union convention addressed reports (written on hotel stationery) to Newark Post Office box in his code name rather than name of Post Office Box subscriber. This resulted in reports being delivered to dead letter office, where they were opened and returned to hotel, which in turn forwarded them to union headquarters. Union officials made handwriting analysis and identified informant as writer and expelled him from union. [redacted] has not made a disclosure of his informant status and has in no way embarrassed the Bureau. Following his discontinuance as Bureau informant he has been interviewed on several occasions by Departmental attorneys and consideration is being given to his utilization as a Government witness.

ACTION:

Copy of the above-described minutes have been prepared for inclusion in Bureau file of [redacted] (100-381206)

cc Bufile 100-381206 [redacted] Former Informant
[redacted] (W/Enclosure)cc - Mr. Belmont
Mr. Baumgardner
Mr. Rose

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Mr. Marquise 0-9

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

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captioned as above.

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Bufiles reveal [redacted] aka [redacted] and

(not verified). [redacted] interviewed on various occasions by
INS and Bureau. During interviews admitted membership in
CP in Cleveland, Ohio, from approximately 1930 to early 1935,
but when interviewed by INS on 6/16/52 at Miami, Florida,
he was of opinion he joined CP in Cleveland in 1932. Also
admitted having been long-time member of IWO. Bufiles
indicate that as of 1952 he was resident of [redacted]
for approximately five years, divorced and self-employed
as [redacted]

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Bufiles contain no information adversely reflecting
upon [redacted] credibility as witness. However, files of Ident
Division contain two fingerprint cards for one [redacted]

One card furnished by the Cleveland, Ohio, Police
Department reveals that he was arrested by that department on
charge of neglect of minor children. The card noted that he
was wanted at Warren, Ohio, apparently for the afore-mentioned
charge. No disposition reflected. His name listed as [redacted]
alias [redacted] Date of arrest by CLPD 10/2/30.

Second fingerprint card reveals this same individual
fingerprinted 12/20/40 New York City as an alien. Fingerprinted
under name of [redacted] listed no aliases and denied
ever having been previously fingerprinted.

Fingerprint cards describe [redacted] as male, white, born
[redacted] 5'6" to 5'7", 118-135
pounds, complexion dark-fair, brown hair, brown eyes, slender
build, residences [redacted] (1930)
and [redacted] (1940), nearest
relative (1940) [redacted]
FBI [redacted]

Since Bufiles contain no positive identifying data
[redacted] it cannot be determined if he is identical
to Stanley [redacted] FBI # [redacted]

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See - [redacted]
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cc - 100-189810

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Airtel to SAC, Los Angeles:

Cleveland and Miami should furnish Los Angeles with any additional pertinent data concerning [redacted] following which Los Angeles should prepare a summary memorandum, copies of which should be furnished the USA at Los Angeles and the Bureau for transmittal to the Department.

Handle expeditiously.

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YELLOW ONLY: [redacted] and [redacted] are on SI. Reairtel states that USA, LA has requested a central indices check on [redacted] also known as [redacted] [redacted] reputedly a former member of the CP in the Cleveland, Ohio, area. Reairtel indicates [redacted] may be used as a witness in a civil action to set aside the citizenship of [redacted] and [redacted] residents of LA. Above request by USA, LA being handled pursuant to SAC Letter 55-40 (J). The substantive file of [redacted] and [redacted] fails to contain any info re their activities furnished by [redacted]. The date and place of birth of [redacted] apparently was obtained from an INS name check request, as it appeared on the Bureau reply to INS. Although [redacted] reportedly was born in [redacted], Bufiles indicate that [redacted]. In view of the possibility that [redacted] may be identical to [redacted] information concerning the former individual is being included in this airtel. Bufiles indicate that [redacted] the potential witness, resided in Cleveland, Ohio, New York (unknown whether city or state) and Miami, Florida.

cc: Mr. Reddy

April 11, 1956

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SAC, Los Angeles (100-58645)
(100-16551)

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EX-COMMUNISTS AS WITNESSES. Reurairtel dated 4-4-56 requesting Bureau to furnish pertinent information re [redacted] for transmittal to USA, LA.

Bufiles reflect that by memorandum dated 11-6-53 Investigations Division, INS, requested check of [redacted] name through Bufiles indicating INS considering possible use of [redacted] as witness or informant.

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By memorandum dated 11-23-53 INS was advised that a review of Bureau records failed to disclose that an investigation has been conducted relative to [redacted]. It was further noted that Bureau indices failed to disclose any subversive references to Polanco. (39052936)

Bufiles reflect that [redacted] was investigated and cleared as a suspect in the Mattson Kidnapping case in 1938 and 1939. [redacted] was interviewed in this regard by Agents of the SF Office on 1-18-39.

[redacted] is subject of FBI Number [redacted] and his identification record reflects arrests on 11-23-38 and 11-24-38 at Monterey, California, on charges of rioting and assault with a gun. These charges were dismissed for lack of evidence.

LA is again instructed to expeditiously comply with the instructions in Bulet dated 3-14-56 with reference to preparation and transmittal to USA, LA, and to Bureau of separate memoranda containing background and derogatory information concerning the potential witnesses listed in LA letter dated 2-27-56.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-418105)

EX-COMMUNISTS AS WITNESSES.

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Mr. Boardman	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
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Rebulet 3-14-56, cc to SF, and SF let 3-2-56 captioned, "COMMUNIST PARTY WITNESSES - USA", wherein it is shown Bufiles and Indices of SF Office contain no info identifiable with [redacted] an expected witness.

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AUSA [redacted] on 4-4-56 advised the LA Office that a possible spelling of this witness's name is [redacted]. As recently as 2/54 [redacted] resided [redacted] Calif. and worked as [redacted] and was a member of the CP in Monterey, Calif. about 1938. He used no other name and was active [redacted] about 1938 in Monterey.

LA files reflect [redacted] FBI [redacted] living in the late 1930s at Monterey, a known Communist and a Matnap suspect of the SF Office.

SF refer SAC let 55-40 (j) and expeditiously advise Bureau and LA of any known info reflecting adversely upon [redacted] creditability which has not previously been reported to the Bureau.

The Bureau is requested to furnish pertinent info re [redacted] for transmittal to USA, LA.

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2-Los Angeles (100-53645) (100-16551) (J. RING)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman

DATE: April 2, 1956

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: ~~RELEASING CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS
FOR TESTIMONY IN SECURITY CASES~~
Releasing Current Ex-Communist

Pursuant to the Director's instructions, a running memorandum has been initiated concerning the use of current confidential informants as witnesses in security prosecutions. This memorandum reflects the following data:

1. Current confidential informants already exposed as witnesses.
2. Current confidential informants interviewed by Departmental attorneys and Department has advised they would be used as witnesses at scheduled trials and hearings.
3. Current confidential informants interviewed by Departmental attorneys but Department has not advised they will be used as witnesses.
4. Current confidential informants interviewed by Departmental attorneys and Department has advised that they will not be used as witnesses.
5. Current confidential informants who have been made available for interview by Departmental attorneys.
6. Current confidential informants whose background and value have been furnished to Department for decision as to interview and possible use as witnesses.
7. Current confidential informants whose availability for possible use as witnesses has been inquired into by the Department.

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Enclosures sent 4-3-56

cc: Mr. Boardman
 Mr. Belmont
 Mr. Baumgardner
 Mr. Donohue
 Mr. Reddy

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Memorandum for Mr. Boardman

Under each of the above categories, the number of informants will be broken down as to the various types of cases involved, such as Smith Act trials, Subversive Activities Control Board hearings, Labor Management Relations Act cases, et cetera.

Attached hereto is a chart reflecting the status of this matter as of April 1, 1956. In order to further clarify this matter, a new category (number 4) has been added to reflect those informants interviewed by Departmental attorneys as potential witnesses but who, for various reasons, will not be used.

Pursuant to the Director's instructions, a copy of the chart is also transmitted to the Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General Rogers, and Assistant Attorney General Tompkins. Since by memorandum dated December 9, 1955, John V. Lindsay, Executive Assistant to the Attorney General, forwarded a memorandum from Assistant Attorney General Tompkins dated December 6, 1955, which requested a further breakdown of the chart, an additional enlarged chart is also attached for the Director's information and for the information of the Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General Rogers, and Assistant Attorney General Tompkins. It is noted that the copy of this enlarged chart designated for the Director contains the names of the informants whereas the enlarged chart designated for the Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General Rogers, and Assistant Attorney General Tompkins utilizes the informants' symbol numbers rather than their names in categories 3 and 4. The true names of these informants are, however, known to the Departmental attorneys who interviewed them in the field.

ACTION:

A memorandum to the Attorney General, copies to Deputy Attorney General Rogers, and Assistant Attorney General Tompkins, is attached hereto transmitting the two charts reflecting the status of this matter as of April 1, 1956.

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RELEASING CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS
FOR TESTIMONY IN SECURITY CASES

Figures apply as of April 1, 1956

1. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS EXPOSED AS WITNESSES

44

(a) Smith Act Trials

(1) First New York Trial (Ended October 14, 1949) 6

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

(2) Baltimore Trial (Ended April 1, 1952) 1

[REDACTED]

(3) Los Angeles Trial (Ended August 5, 1952) 4

[REDACTED]

(4) Pittsburgh Trial (Ended August 20, 1953) 3

[REDACTED]

(5) Seattle Trial (Ended October 10, 1953) 4

[REDACTED]

(6) Philadelphia Trial (Ended August 13, 1954) 2

[REDACTED]

(7) St. Louis Trial (Ended May 28, 1954) 3

[REDACTED]

(8) Detroit Trial (Ended February 17, 1954) 3

[REDACTED]

*Did not testify. Exposed through testimony of husband,

[REDACTED]

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- (9) Claude Lightfoot Membership Trial 2
(Ended January 26, 1955)

[REDACTED]

- (10) Junius Scales Membership Trial 1
(Ended April 21, 1955)

[REDACTED]

- (11) Denver Trial (Ended May 25, 1955) 4

[REDACTED]

- (12) Cleveland Trial (Ended February 10, 1956) 2

[REDACTED]

- (13) New Haven Trial (Ended March 29, 1956) 2

[REDACTED]

- (14) Albert Blumberg Membership Trial 1
(Ended March 7, 1956)

[REDACTED]

(b) Subversive Activities Control Board (SACB) Hearings
Re Front Organizations

- (1) National Council of American-Soviet Friendship 1
(Hearing ended December 6, 1954)

[REDACTED]

- (2) Labor Youth League (Hearing ended April 28, 1954) 1

[REDACTED]

- (3) Civil Rights Congress (Hearing ended July 5, 1955) 1

[REDACTED]

*Did not testify. Exposed through testimony of husband,

[REDACTED]

(c) Labor Management Relations Act Cases

(1) Everett Melvin Hupman Case

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[REDACTED]

(d) Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico Trial
(Trial ended October 12, 1954)

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[REDACTED]

2. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS AND DEPARTMENT HAS ADVISED THEY WOULD BE USED AS WITNESSES AT SCHEDULED TRIALS AND HEARINGS:

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(a) Smith Act Trials

(1) San Juan Trial

(No date set for trial)

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[REDACTED]

(2) John Noto Membership Trial
(Began March 27, 1956)

2

[REDACTED]

(3) Emanuel Blum Membership Case
(No trial date set)

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[REDACTED]

(Also to testify at United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America (UE) hearing before SACB)

(4) Michael A. Russo Membership Case
(No trial date set)

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[REDACTED]

(Also to testify at UE hearing before SACB)

(5) John Cyril Hellman Membership Case
(To go to grand jury April 4, 1956)

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[REDACTED]

(Also to testify at International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers hearing before SACB)

(b) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations

- (1) Council on African Affairs 2
(Petition dismissed without prejudice to
Government September 15, 1955)

[REDACTED]

(c) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions

- (1) Communist Infiltration of the United 4
Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers
of America
(Petition filed December 20, 1955)

[REDACTED]

- (2) Communist Infiltration of the International 1
Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers
(Petition filed July 28, 1955)

[REDACTED]

3. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL
ATTORNEYS BUT DEPARTMENT HAS NOT ADVISED THAT THEY WILL BE
DEFINITELY USED AS WITNESSES: 20

(a) Smith Act Trials

- (1) San Francisco Trial (Prosecution not 7
authorized to date)

[REDACTED]

- (2) Third New York Trial (Trial set for 1
April 9, 1956)

[REDACTED]

(b) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions

- (1) Communist Infiltration of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America 6
(Petition filed December 20, 1955)



(c) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations

- (1) United Russian-American Committee 1
(Petition being considered)



- (2) Connecticut Volunteers for Civil Rights; Connecticut Peace Council 2
(Petition being considered)



- (d) Administrative Hearings Re Independent Socialist League 2
(Hearing in progress)



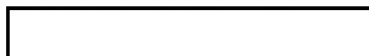
- (e) Labor Management Relations Act Cases 1
(Department considering case for prosecution)



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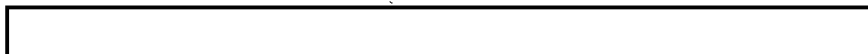
(a) Smith Act Trials

- (1) Cleveland Trial (Ended February 10, 1956) 1



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(Began March 27, 1956)



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League
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ING CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS
FOR TESTIMONY IN SECURE TRIALS

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Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Ladd
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Miss Gandy

Each Was Identified

IT WAS bound to happen, sooner or later, and we wouldn't be surprised if it had happened before. A Mr. Childs identified a Mr. Reaves to the House Committee on Un-American Activities as a Communist. Two days later the same Reaves identified the same Childs to the same committee as the same thing—a Communist. Neither was lying, but both were wrong. Both men were members of a Communist group in North Carolina, but neither knew that the other was actually reporting regularly to the FBI.

This is no reflection on the security system. The FBI wouldn't be doing its duty if it weren't maintaining contact with people conspiring for the overthrow of the government. The two men, we gather, were not regular G-men but private citizens helping the FBI. If either of them had happened to be a Communist plant deliberately giving the FBI false information, the reports of the other would have provided a check.

But we wonder, not for the first time, whether the FBI must not feel privately fed up, at times, with the uncoordinated zeal of congressional committees hunting down communism. The two agencies use opposite methods, certainly. The FBI keeps secret records, and its continued ability to do its job depends on secrecy. Even real Communists who are under effective surveillance lose their value to the FBI once they are publicly exposed. Yet the FBI can't reveal its activities to committees, and the two may work at cross-purposes.

There's a dilemma involved, and maybe better liaison is possible. Certainly the exposure of real Communists is one of the best ways to fight subversion—just as arousing public suspicions of persons who are definitely lacking in Communist sympathies sets up a smoke screen from which only Communists can benefit. What it boils down to, we guess, is that while the FBI does a consistently good job in this field, congressional committees don't.

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The Attorney General

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Enclosed is a copy of an editorial entitled "Each Was Identified" which appeared in the March 31, 1956, issue of the Journal--Every Evening. I thought you would like to see this editorial.

Enclosure

cc - Mr. William P. Rogers (with copy of enclosure)
Deputy Attorney General

cc - Assistant Attorney General (with copy of enclosure)
William F. Tompkins

NOTE: This editorial deals with former Bureau informants [redacted] and [redacted] who recently testified before HCUA. [redacted] who had testified for the Government in the Junius Scales Smith Act trial, was used by HCUA as witness in their Charlotte hearings in March, 1956. Among those named as CP members in North Carolina was one [redacted]. Unknown to [redacted] [redacted] was also Bureau informant but not exposed as such. [redacted] had been approached by HCUA at Charlotte hearings. He did not make up his mind to testify until named as CP member by [redacted]. When he was named by [redacted] as CP member, he agreed to testify. He, in turn, named [redacted] as CP member. Neither [redacted] nor [redacted] caused the Bureau any trouble while informants for us. In view of the paper's unfavorable remarks concerning congressional committees, it is deemed inadvisable to write paper concerning this editorial.

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On pages 5163-5164, Congressman Ashley, (D) Ohio, spoke concerning the use of confidential informants in the Government security program. Mr. Ashley stated, "How much longer, I wonder, are we going to be content to find excuses for a security system lacking both in principle and honesty." He included excerpts from a decision of the court of appeals on this subject. It is stated in the decision, "Furthermore, in considering the public interests in the preservation of system under which unidentified informers are encouraged to make unchallengeable statements about their neighbors, it is not amiss to bear in mind whether or not we must look forward to a day when substantially everyone will have to contemplate the possibility that his neighbors are being encouraged to make reports to the FBI about what he says, what he reads and what meetings he attends."

EX-COMMUNISTS AS WITNESSES

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In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for WED, 3-29-56 was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-418105)

DATE: 4/13/56

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-53645)

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Re my airtel April 4, 1956, re Bureau letter March 7, 1956, and re my letter February 27, 1956, setting forth the request of the United States Attorney at Los Angeles for central indices check on ex-Communist witnesses contemplated in the matter of JOSEPH RING, Possible Revocation Proceedings.

There are furnished herewith five copies each of blank memoranda showing information pursuant to SAC Letter 55-40 for dissemination to the Department concerning: [redacted]

Another possible witness in the above matter, [redacted] of San Francisco, is, at this writing, being searched in Bureau indices and at the San Francisco Office. [redacted] name was furnished as [redacted] in the original United States Attorney's request to the Los Angeles Office, which name was unidentifiable in either Bureau or San Francisco indices.

The United States Attorney's Office at Los Angeles has been furnished copies of the enclosed blank memoranda and assurances have been given to the United States Attorney that on receipt of information concerning POLANCO that such also will be promptly furnished him.

The United States Attorney's Office has been previously advised orally upon receipt and in writing March 16, 1956, concerning [redacted] having been granted full clearance by the Departmental Committee on Security Witnesses as shown in referenced letter March 7, 1956.

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was employed as an undercover agent

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] joined the Communist Party in 1937 and as a result furnished the Government with considerable Communist Party information in connection with the Harry Bridges Deportation Case at San Francisco.

[REDACTED] registered as a Communist in 1938 but never voted as such.

[REDACTED] was discharged from the United States Naval Reserve on August 21, 1951, for convenience of the Government. The Chief of Naval Personnel had directed that [REDACTED] not be permitted to re-enlist in the United States Navy or the United States Naval Reserve.

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[redacted] was educated at [redacted]
[redacted] He was arrested in San Francisco [redacted] for larceny of
an automobile, which charge was dismissed. He has an additional arrest
record of a minor nature for drunk and fighting. [redacted] was a member of
the Socialist Party, Minneapolis. [redacted]

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[redacted] In 1934, he was involved
in the teamster's riot in Minneapolis. [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted] joined the Communist Party at Portland, Oregon, in
[redacted] He was expelled from the Communist Party
[redacted] He was dropped from rolls of the WPA [redacted]
for drunkenness and was generally reputed to be a habitual drunkard.

[redacted] surrendered voluntarily to the New York Office of the
Federal Bureau of Investigation April 22, 1944, claiming he was wanted for
failure to register under Selective Service. He was obviously drunk and
told conflicting stories. It was later determined by investigation
that he was at the time in fact registered.

[redacted] who had testified in the Harry Bridges Deportation
Trial in the early 1940's, was reported by an informant of unknown
reliability to have been contacted about March 3, 1944, by some unknown
man and asked if he would consider repudiating his testimony given in
favor of the Government's case. [redacted] was reportedly later in telephonic
contact with an IRVING GOODMAN, Communist Party lawyer, but according
to the informant, was not known to have had any other contact with the
Bridges forces.

[redacted] was reported as having furnished good information in the
Harry Bridges Deportation Trial, but in 1941 he was reported as trustworthy
but not reliable as he was reputed a habitual drunkard and contact with
him had to be discreet. In June, 1953, he indicated that for health reasons
he had not been drinking for seven previous months.

According to information given in 1954, [redacted] had been used
by the Immigration and Naturalization Service as a witness on several

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Re: [REDACTED]

aka [REDACTED]

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occasions and was reputed to make an excellent witness.

[REDACTED] indicated a willingness to testify in Government matters when contacted September 20, 1955, at his residence, [REDACTED] but requested extension of date for 60 days to permit augmenting his income for personal expenses involved.

Immigration and Naturalization Service advised in September, 1955, that [REDACTED] was categorized of "questionable reliability" and had a history of drunkenness. His use as a witness in Immigration and Naturalization Service proceedings must not be made without prior approval of the Immigration and Naturalization Service Central Office.

The New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation has had telephone calls from a person purporting to be [REDACTED] in 1944, 1951, and most recently in January, 1956, in which he related incoherent tales of his former Communist Party membership and testimony for the Government. The caller was under influence of intoxicants, according to the tenor of his conversation.

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[redacted] commonly called [redacted] is a Negro approximately [redacted] years of age.

[redacted] has never been an informant of the Los Angeles Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He defected from the Communist Party in 1945 although the Party claims he was expelled. He was first contacted by agents in December, 1949, and has been cooperating with the Bureau since that time.

From the time [redacted] joined the Young Communist League, about 1934, he was a full-time paid functionary of the Young Communist League or of the Communist Party up until a few months prior to his defection.

In November, 1938, [redacted] was sent to the National Training School of the Communist Party held in upstate New York and in 1939 and 1940 he attended a state training school in San Francisco, California.

[redacted] has a comprehensive knowledge of Marxism, Leninism, Communist Party tactics and strategy gained from his attendance at the above schools and through his day to day activities as a Young Communist League or as a Communist Party functionary.

Although [redacted] is an intelligent person, his memory of events occurring up to 20 years ago is hazy and sometimes confused. This faulty memory has occasioned his being accused by the Communist Party of being a perjurer or of "tailoring" his testimony to fit the occasion. However, it has been observed that [redacted] has been reluctant to make statements of fact except where he has personal knowledge of the fact and it has been noted his evidence has been meticulous in testimony concerning individuals. A great deal of the evidence previously furnished or testified to by him has been corroborated from other sources.

[redacted] was a key witness in the Los Angeles Smith Act Case and was considered by the United States Attorney to have been a good witness. However, on cross-examination, he was shown to be confused as to some points in his direct testimony, particularly in connection with dates of various events.

In addition to his testimony in the Los Angeles Smith Act Case, [redacted] testified in the second New York Smith Act Case, the Flynn Case and has testified before the Subversive Activities Control Board, the House

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Re: [REDACTED]

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Committee on Un-American Activities and several times for the Immigration and Naturalization Service in deportation cases. Because of his testimony in these several cases, there is always present the possibility that the testimony he may give in future cases may be seriously impeached because of faulty memory or because of events inaccurately recalled because of details not previously recalled. It has been observed that [REDACTED] gives every evidence of being an honest and sincere person who would not intentionally give false inaccurate or incorrect testimony. [REDACTED] cannot be considered unstable in the sense that he is a weak or vacillating person. On the other hand, he has a history of intoxication and has several arrests for being "drunk." It is known that he has gone on "binges" lasting several days. He has the reputation of being a homosexual verified by a vagrancy-lewd arrest on [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] served 60 days on this arrest. In addition, he was arrested [REDACTED] for indecent exposure while drunk. He was previously married to a Communist Party member but was divorced about 1945.

In the past, [REDACTED] has stated he does not wish to testify in more cases because he does not wish to be classified as a professional witness for the reason he feels that further testimony would diminish any effectiveness he may have in the Negro community working through such organizations as the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. [REDACTED] also is reluctant to testify for reasons of health and for economic disabilities which he feels he has sustained as a result of his previous testimony.

In order to give fair appraisal of the charges that have been or may be made in the event [REDACTED] testifies in the future, the following is set forth:

The California Emergency Defense Committee got out a leaflet on [REDACTED] based on his testimony in the Los Angeles Smith Act Trial for circulation in the Negro community.

[REDACTED] a Los Angeles Communist Party figure, stated, when talking about witnesses in the Los Angeles Smith Act Trial, that [REDACTED] while in the Communist Party, had been stealing money but in view of lack of proof he had not been expelled.

The "Daily People's World," a West Coast Communist newspaper, [REDACTED] characterized [REDACTED] as "punch drunk" and noted that he had identified BEN MARGOLIS as defense attorney A. L. WIRIN who was cross-examining him at this time, [REDACTED] having stated in his testimony, "I know this fellow WIRIN."

The "Daily People's World" [REDACTED] charged [REDACTED] with having been a reluctant witness on cross-examination in the Los Angeles case and with adopting a "technique" of wondering off into a long diatribe on extraneous subjects, "obviously to get into the record the distorted things the FBI wanted him to say."

Re: [redacted]

April 13, 1956

The "Daily People's World" [redacted] reported that on September 20, 1945, the Los Angeles County Communist Party had sent a letter to all Party clubs announcing that [redacted] who was no longer a member of the Communist Party, was exposed as a person who, over a long period of time, had been in contact with the FBI and who was frequently guilty of many irresponsible actions including drunkenness, divulging Party information as well as improper handling of finances.

The "Daily People's World" [redacted] contained a story about [redacted] testimony in the [redacted] Immigration Case in Los Angeles in which it was charged that "city police blotters and records of the University of California at Los Angeles ... nail stoolpigeon [redacted] as a person unworthy of trust and credence." The story cited [redacted] criminal record for "drunk", "indecent exposure", and "vagrancy-lewd." According to the story, [redacted] attorney "took [redacted] over the coals, wringing from him admissions of false testimony under oath, and thoroughly shattering his character and credibility." A shaking [redacted] walked from the hearing room unindicted despite uncontrovertable evidence of perjury ... Attorney [redacted] drew from [redacted] the admission that in all of these proceedings (Smith Act and Immigration and Naturalization Service testimony) he had used birth dates differing substantially from dates he had used in other matters including his application for admission to the University of California at Los Angeles."

The "Daily People's World" [redacted] carried an article captioned "Stoolie Exposed as Practiced Liar," which charged that "evidence piled up today in [redacted] Deportation Case to show that [redacted] was an 'old hand at tailoring a story to fit.'"

This story recounted evidence by the defense from a handwriting expert that three separate applications for entrance into the University of California at Los Angeles under different names and showing different birth dates and other background details were in the handwriting of [redacted]

This article further stated that a letter had been produced in evidence from the Sacramento Junior College at Sacramento, California, that [redacted] had left under a cloud, and that the director had written, "I regret I cannot recommend him as a dependable man."

[redacted], Personnel Director, Cannon Electric Company, Los Angeles, California, advised July 30, 1954, that [redacted] had filed an application for employment and that it had been ascertained that [redacted] had shown [redacted]

The following arrest record is maintained on [redacted]

8/31/51 - Los Angeles, drunk
3/30/51 - Los Angeles, drunk

Re: [REDACTED]

April 13, 1956

- Los Angeles, suspicion of P. C. (robbery), released
- Los Angeles, P. C. 148, interfeerer, \$20, 14 days in Division 30, 12/14/45
- Burbank, California, 512A-94 (violation of advertising ordinances - sound truck Communist)
- Los Angeles, drinking, \$20, 5 days Division 7, 5/7/37
- Los Angeles, vag. - lewd, 60 days Division 5, 8/30/28

In a recent Smith Act trial in New Haven, [REDACTED]

Following the New Haven Smith Act trial, [REDACTED] advised he was "tailed" on the train from New Haven by a well dressed white woman who showed a clipping of him through the car and later accosted [REDACTED] on the train saying, "I want to get a good look at you, you stoolpigeon." Later investigation was unable to verify this incident as related by [REDACTED]

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cc: Mr. Dine

Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins

April 25, 1956

Director, FBI

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EX-COMMUNISTS AS WITNESSES

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Reference is made to my memorandum dated March 7, 1956, wherein you were advised that you would be furnished with information which might affect the credibility of [redacted] and [redacted] as witnesses.

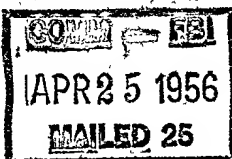
Attached hereto is one copy each of memoranda prepared by our Los Angeles Office on [redacted] and [redacted]. These memoranda contain data concerning these individuals which would have a bearing on their credibility as witnesses. Copies of these memoranda have been furnished to the United States Attorney in Los Angeles by our Los Angeles Office.

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